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■ NHL DRAFT

Duchene playing a dream

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

One second he looks calm and collected; the next, his knees bounce up and down involuntarily. He takes a deep breath and exhales.

As the NHL teams about to take part in the 2009 entry draft are announced, the standing-room-only crowd inside the Bell Centre in Montreal cheers as if it's Game 7 of the Stanley Cup final.

Taking it all in, with a big smile stretching from ear to ear, is Haliburton's Matt Duchene.

Two NHL teams have already selected players and now he's getting impatient. Another pair of knees begins to bounce. They belong to his dad, Vince. Forget cutting the tension with a knife; not even a machete would suffice.

After what seemed like eternity, a voice echoes around the arena: The Colorado Avalanche is proud to select Matt Duchene.

"I had the best day of my life today," says the 18-year-old inside the Colorado Avalanche suite after the fairytale dust of the draft had settled on Friday night.

On top of being drafted third

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MATT JAMES/Echo



Haliburton's Matt Duchene tells TSN's James Duthie how thrilled he is to be chosen as the Colorado Avalanche's draft pick on Friday night in Montreal. Duchene has always admired the Avalanche, especially captain Joe Sakic, and it's always been a dream of his to play with the team. The 18-year-old earned huge accolades from TSN broadcasters, who were giving the Village of Haliburton lots of press.

County takes Rail Trail committee off the tracks

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

The county's Rail Trail committee was deemed too dysfunctional to continue and was disbanded Wednesday at a council meeting.

Temporary oversight will be provided by the economic development committee with all

decisions resting, as always, with county council.

"We're reorganizing a dysfunctional committee," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said.

The committee has been in serious disarray since a recommendation it made to restrict Enduro bikes from using the Rail Trail was overturned at the county table.

There were questions of "conflict of duty," because a member of the Rail Trail committee, Ken Hoeverman, represented Trails and Tours, but is also the executive director of the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders.

Hoeverman did not vote on the Enduro bike issue, but did present the case for the bikes to county council on behalf of the OFTR. The majority of coun-

cil sided with Hoeverman and voted to allow Enduro bikes, therefore overturning the rail trail's recommendation not to allow the bikes on the abandoned railway corridor between Haliburton and Kinmount.

The chair of the committee, Bill Davis, subsequently resigned. The next month, county

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PLACES FOR PEOPLE

New building soon to be new home

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

When Terri Mathews hands over the keys of the Haliburton Dance Arts studio on Friday, she won't be the only one smiling.

She's selling the former Haliburton Orange Hall to Places for People, a not-for-profit local organization that's committed to providing low-cost housing for local families. Places for People will gut the building and transform it into two apartments.

Mathews is moving her dance studio to much larger



Haliburton Dance Arts, Inc. attended two great competitions this season including Kick It Up in Niagara Falls, Ontario and To The Xtreme in Huntsville. They came away feeling great with many High Golds, Golds and High Silvers as well as one Platinum award for their Senior Hip Hop routine to the song "Church" which was also performed at the Relay for Life event. The dancers also won first place overall for their junior hip hop, "G Slide" and senior hip hop "Church" at Niagara's competition and won a special award for Most Distinguished Hip Hop routine for their intermediate hip hop to "Good Day" in Huntsville. Shay Lynn Hutchings won the Sweetheart Award for her acrobatics solo to "Best Thing" and senior hip hop to "Church" also won the In Your Face award at Kick It Up. HDA's 2009 Production to "Dance Fever" also came away in first place from Huntsville's To The Xtreme competition. What a great year!

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"I'm thrilled," Mathews says. "We wanted a bigger space and [the apartments will be] a really good fit for the area. It's family housing in a family neighbourhood."

Places for People invites the community to a "possession party" to celebrate its acquisition of the building on July 3. Events start at 3:30 p.m. and local members of parliament and community participants will be on hand to cut the ribbon at four.

Organizer Fay Martin encourages people to find out more about this project. "See the 'before,' have input into the 'after,' enjoy some refreshments, take in our displays and meet the people who made this wonderful venture possible," she says.

The building is at 19 George Street, across from Haliburton United Church and the Masonic Lodge.

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Bob Heyes, a doctor in Haliburton for nearly 30 years, spoke to the large audience at health services' annual general meeting about threats to health care.

■ HHHS AGM

Heyes questions LHIN's future

'Remind them that L is for local and H is for health': Heyes

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

In the future, patients will wear Band-Aids that will give readings of blood sugar, core temperature and caloric intake. Automobiles will be scarce and we'll all walk and cycle more. Junk food will be fortified with vitamins and minerals and heavily regulated by the government.

At least those are the predictions of Dr. Bob Heyes, a family practitioner in Haliburton for nearly 30 years and the keynote speaker at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services annual general meeting Thursday.

"One day we will have a CAT scanner in Haliburton County," Heyes went on, "but at that time people will favour MRIs."

Amidst the lofty predictions about a world governed by technology where your health status is only a mouse-click away, Heyes also warned of a bureaucracy that already reigns over health care and could eventually destroy the sacred relationship of doctor and patient.

The third-party-payer system, where the state pays for health care, not the patient, distances the doctor and the patient from each other, Heyes said.

Because the bureaucracy of government intervenes, limiting what a doctor can or cannot provide, the accountability and trust

in the relationship can be diminished. Especially when cost-cutting at the expense of patient care.

"I think the [HHHS] board must ... defend the rights of patients," he said. "They must stop the diversion of funds from the front line."

The third-party payer in Ontario's health-care system is the Local Health Integrated Network (LHIN) – an organization Heyes worries too much about the "bottom line" and not enough about patient care. Its mandate is to get costs under control, but what does that mean for the health of the community?

"I struggle to see where the L, local, is in LHIN," Heyes said. "They answer to their political masters, not you or I."

He questioned recent recommendations to the LHIN to move services to centralized, urbanized locations.

Does moving thoracic care from Peterborough to Lakeridge serve Haliburton well, he wondered.

The potential closures of emergency rooms across the province was also a looming threat here, Heyes suggested.

"We must be wary, resourceful ... Remind them that L is for local and H is for health," he said.

Ending on a positive, Heyes said he was confident that HHHS was strong and would fight hard to keep the excellence of care consistent with what Haliburtonians have grown to expect.

"HHHS already has the necessary ingredients to flourish in times of change," he said.

Not H1N1 virus

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Haliburton Extendicare has ruled out the H1N1 virus as the cause of a respiratory illness among five of its residents.

Extendicare has declared an outbreak situation and is closed to visitors at this time to ensure the safety of residents and the community.

It also had to cancel Saturday's wheelchair rally.

"No one is seriously ill but we want to prevent it from spreading," says administrator and director of care Jane Rosenberg.

Activity staff are still keeping the residents busy but Rosenberg says everyone is looking forward to resuming normal summer activities.

The cause of the illness has not yet been determined.

Health unit closes beach

Before school was even out for the year, the health unit was warning people not to swim at Rotary Beach in Haliburton.

The health unit posted the beach last week. This indicates bacterial levels in the water are higher than those considered acceptable as set out in the Ontario government's Recreational Water Protocols, making them unsafe for bathing.

Haliburton's public beach was the only one in the county that was posted last week.

People can call the health unit or visit www.hkpr.on.ca for the most up-to-date results on these beaches.

E-LEARNING

Teaming up to make distance education easy

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Want to further your education without leaving the county or worrying about responsibilities at home?

Now you can through a partnership between Fleming College and elearnnetwork.ca.

The new computer lab opened earlier this month at the Haliburton campus.

Shanthi Bascombe, the e-learning co-ordinator at the Haliburton site says, "It's a centre that local residents can come to to pursue college and university courses online."

Haliburton is just one of 12 new elearnnetwork.ca locations in Ontario, bringing the total to 17 across the province.

The e-learning site at Fleming will provide everything for students, from research and registration to monitoring and technical support throughout the educational experience, to the latest and fastest computer technology with high-speed Internet and video-conferencing equipment.

Those looking for a new career, differ-

ent trade, or simply personal growth can do so with a choice of more than 7,500 courses offered online through Ontario's 19 colleges and 15 universities.

Among those present at the launch of the new service was Haliburton campus principal Sandra Dupret.

"The college is about access and education and we saw this as the perfect partnership where we could provide a source for members of our community to come in and access all forms of education," she says. "It's breaking down the post-secondary barrier."

For those who haven't been in the college or are apprehensive about e-learning, Dupret says it is an accessible way for people to enhance their skills in a comfortable environment.

Elearnnetwork.ca is in line with the province's goal of competing in the global economy.

It's part of an Ontario government initiative to provide greater local access to more education and training opportunities and is fully funded.

To find out more about elearnnetwork.ca call Shanthi Bascombe at 455-9528 or visit www.elearnnetwork.ca.



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From left to right is Fleming College principal Sandra Dupret, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, Haliburton's e-learning co-ordinator Shanthi Bascombe, Liberal MPP Rick Johnson, and elearning.ca executive director Luc Comeau inside the elearnnetwork.ca work room at Fleming College on June 9.

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SBIP will allow Canadian small businesses to submit an application to directly hire a qualified student intern for a 12-week period to help them with e-commerce ICT projects. The program will reimburse up to 75 percent of each participating intern's eligible salary and benefit costs.

"It is vital in these times of economic instability that we do whatever we can to help small businesses, which account for so many jobs in the riding," says local MP Barry Devolin. "As well, we need to ensure that Canada's youth have the skills and experience to take advantage of the opportunities that will arise as the economy improves. The program will help to address these needs."

For local businesses that would like to enquire about SBIP, please contact Technology Alliance Group of Kawartha Lakes, 705-878-9261.

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Cardiff, IB&O trails up for funding

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the June 23 meeting of Highlands East council.

Council hopes to improve the Cardiff walking trail and the IB&O Rail Trail through a National Trails Coalition grant that it applied for at the last minute.

The trail proposed for Cardiff will loop around the ball diamond with asphalt for walking and cycling with access for wheelchairs, although the bridge formerly on the trail won't be reconstructed.

"Here's the irony of it; you have the bridge that they have now – has no handrail on it, none whatsoever. It's cut up, it's sharp metal on there, the kids go out and play on it. Yet [past council] pulled out the walking bridge, it makes no sense," Deputy-reeve and Cardiff representative Jim Mackie said.

"If we want to encourage outdoor activities and we want tourism then we need to keep our trails in good shape," said Councillor Suzanne Partridge.

Grant money would make up 50 per cent of the cost of both projects, but chief administrative officer Sharon Stoughton-Craig said there was enough reserve money to make up the balance.

Deputy-reeve donates \$3,000 back to municipality

The faulty generators once sold by the fire department and then recalled by Highlands East have finally found a resting place in the Hastings Highlands Secondary School shop class. They have been

disassembled so they can no longer function as generators, but the motors can be worked on by students.

Mackie had been keeping the machines in his garage since the recall about a year ago and was given \$3,000 by the municipality for all costs associated with that storage and transportation of the machines.

Mackie then donated the money back to the accessible Cardiff walking trail should matching grant money be found for improvements.

Bringing Highlands East together still difficult

Amalgamation continues to cause problems between the various communities across Highlands East, councillors said during a strategic planning session.

It has been eight years since the four townships of Monmouth, Glamorgan, Bicroft and Cardiff came together, but there is still internal strife and infighting, they said.

"The way that things have been going with this council, the people are so, in my riding anyway, are so disillusioned that they don't know why we would ever have thought of going in amalgamation," said Councillor Gary Stoughton.

"These are very much separate communities and they have been forever," said Mackie.

Councillors were asked to identify challenges for the municipality by planning leader Judy Coward.

Uniting the various hamlets was identified as one of the biggest challenges facing the municipality.

"There is a way to bring our community together and still maintain our identity, it's out there, let's try to find it," Reeve Dave Burton said.

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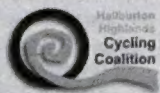
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Family commitment

THERE WAS NO ONE CHEERING on the Duchene family when they spent all those school nights driving to arenas across the province in the early days of Matt's hockey career. Matt started playing hockey at the Haliburton arena, which was conveniently close to home, but when he started showing the spark and the skills that could ignite a professional career, he and his family decided to make a commitment to the game. And it had to be a family decision. Not only would Chris, who works in the guidance department at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, and Vince, a local realtor, have to juggle their schedules to make sure Matt got to all his games and practices, but there was also daughter

Jessica to take into consideration.

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Part of their decision must have been based on Matt's early acknowledgment that while skill with a puck was a natural gift, reaching his goal of one day playing in the NHL would require a lot of hard work. He was obviously committed, and willing to give up much of his social life, to make this happen.

Matt joined the Central Ontario Wolves, which played against teams that were based a couple of hours away from Haliburton. Matt was also playing on the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School hockey team so many were the nights they'd pull into their driveway when most of Haliburton was enjoying a deep sleep. Two years ago, when Matt was picked up by the Brampton Battalion, the drives to and from Haliburton were untenable so he moved to Brampton. His family, including his grandparents in West Guilford, still had to spend hours on the road so they'd be in the stands cheering him on. It must have been a grueling schedule.

The excitement they shared as a family on Friday night was certainly their due. After all those lonely nights on the road, they were basking in the bright lights of the television cameras. Tens of thousands of people watched as a steady stream of emotions flashed across their faces. What a wonderful reward for all of them.

A loss

Haliburton County has lost yet another link with its past in the passing of Dallyn Pickens. Not only had the former Gooderham resident lived through much of that history but he also had a curiosity about the events that influenced his life and the lives of those around him. He watched, he listened, he read, he pondered. A natural storyteller, he had a delightful way of sharing his knowledge and his insights.

Luckily, fellow Gooderham resident Elvā Bates had interviewed Dallyn as part of her research for her two books about the area. It's sad enough to mourn the passing of Dallyn the man, but imagine how much more would have been lost if she hadn't asked him to share his stories.



Your pad or mine?

Photo by Jenn Watt

Quiet time

BY THE TIME you read this, bass season will be open. This should explain a lot of things. For instance, it probably has something to do with why the frequency of lawn mowing has decreased, why you are seeing less of your angling spouse, and why there are one dozen worms on the top shelf in the fridge.

It might also explain the new boat you caught a brief glimpse of, the new fishing rods and reels, and the fact that your spouse has put fish crisp and oil on the grocery list.

A lot of people wonder about the timing of bass season. Some, and this is laughable, even think it opens to coincide with the end of their spawning season. I happen to think it opens to coincide with the end of the school year. I'd like to think that this is not just a happy coincidence.

It makes perfect sense. With our kids running wild without school to tame them, they become adept at making noise, whining, asking for money, and wanting to borrow the computer, car, or phone. We angling fathers or mothers need some refuge. And, on the last Saturday in June, it arrives with bass season. Thank you Minister of Natural Resources.

An experienced parent will leave just as the sun clears the trees and is on the water of a local lake at least an hour before the kids get up and murmur their first "I'm bored." He or she won't wake up his or her spouse, instead opting to leave a note on the table that says "Gone Fishing." If the angler in question really knows his business, he'll forget his cellphone too.

The end result is that while your spouse is

dealing with the complexities of the breakfast menu, you are listening to the loons serenade you in some placid back bay where bass are rising to almost every cast.

When you arrive back home, a bit of sensitivity is in order. Avoid questions like "How was your day?" or "Who let the worms loose in the fridge?" The answer to either will remind her of the kids. And this will probably incite a long lecture on how, deny as you might, you had a role in creating them.

At this point, I usually reach for my fishing rod but, invariably, this is nipped in the bud. So I sit there and listen to the hardships she endured and daydream about that one bass, off the shoal, that rose to a popper.

"Are you listening?" she'll ask. I'll nod. She then continues to tell me about which vegetable

is not being eaten, the rooms that are now a mess, and the backtalk she has heard.

It was a good bass – and it engulfed that popper, fought hard, and eventually surrendered.

It's then that you realize that you dodged the bullet that day, but there are still approximately 234,567 more days until the first day of school.

So you wake up the next morning and sneak down, only to find your little darling waiting with tackle box in hand.

"Mom said you'd take me out fishing today," she says.

"We'll see about that," you think.

After a very brief discussion with your wife, you return to break the news to your child.

"Mom said, don't forget the worms."

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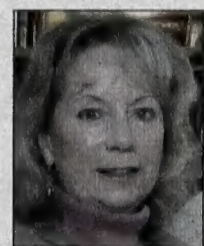
Water dog

IF I DIED THIS MINUTE, I would die happy. Thus were Donna's thoughts as she stood gazing over the beauty before her. The sun had risen milky red a few hours earlier, spreading its creeping light across the smooth dark lake like a lover's promises. She knew it would be a glorious summer day full of sparkle and hope, the kind that helped her through winter days in the city. The thought of getting into her car and driving 40 minutes to town for ridiculous things like food, alcohol and prescription medicine felt like a slap in the face. However, she knew what she had to do.

Sighing heavily she turned away from the idyllic scene only to hear a series of soft splashes. Here we go again, she surmised and looking back at the water was greeted by the expected sight of George. The big golden lab absolutely loved the water. Like Donna, he lived to be at the cottage and it was only this year that he had taken to swimming on his own.

Previously he had waited for a tossed anything before galloping into the lake.

But no more. Now he would head in whenever the spirit moved him and it moved him often. Unfortunately Donna had neglected to leave him indoors in preparation for her trip to town and so naturally he had headed for his favourite place. Also unfortunately, Donna knew George's destination and she sighed again. Although she did not want to



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drive away from her little piece of heaven, if she had to, then she wanted to do so as soon as possible in order to return also as soon as possible. So George's little swim was a delay she didn't want.

Calling in a firm but friendly voice, she knew it was probably of little use. Maybe today would be different. Alas she watched with sinking heart as George, now in deep water, was obviously aiming for the wooden raft. Like all animals, George was a creature of habit and Donna knew that, for his own reasons, he loved the raft.

Upon reaching it, George managed to climb out of the water, using the ladder to pull himself up. It was really quite amazing to see how effortlessly he did this. Unfortunately, while George was able to get onto the raft, he could not get off it. Once up there, he would give himself a good shake and then wait to be rescued. Unlike many other dogs, he did not like to jump into the water. He was a wader, a paddler and even a diver but not a jumper.

Ever the optimist, Donna scurried down to the shore and called encouragingly to her animal companion. He moved about the raft in little circles. He barked. He lifted one leg and then another. But that was all.

Another sigh and Donna went into the cottage to change into her bathing suit. More delays. Then quickly emerging onto her deck she raced toward the water, determined to get this over with as expeditiously as possible. George watched her approach, tail wagging. They had both been through this before and Donna decided to try to break George of this illogical habit. Ascending the ladder she demonstrated how much fun it was to jump into the lake, calling George as she did so. He whimpered but didn't budge.

Donna was now enjoying herself so much that she briefly toyed with the idea of putting off her trip to town. But only briefly. Knowing what would work for George, she again jumped in, pulled herself halfway onto the edge of the raft so it dipped closer to the water, and assured George it was safe to slip in from there. As usual, it worked.

The entire incident had only taken about thirty minutes, hardly worth getting upset about, she decided as she was towelling her hair. George smiled roguishly from the screened porch, his fur standing in little damp peaks around his adorable face. Really, he seemed to say, what was the harm?



pic of the past

Logging trucks aren't what they used to be. This image from the Haliburton Highlands Museum shows a few men loading logs onto a truck bearing the name C.W. Hodgson Forest Products. Museum curator Stephen Hill thinks the truck was an International. The photo dates to the 1940s. Don't forget you can still buy a copy of the museum's beautiful coffee table book of historic photos.

letters to the editor

Jarvis writes of polar opposites

To the Editor:

The *Haliburton Echo* has a foreign correspondent based in Minden! Reference Fearless leaders (part one) by Ross Jarvis in the column two-eight-six of June 23.

Perhaps (part one) implies that he will return soon to write about democracy and leadership in more familiar territory, the municipalities of Haliburton County and, in other parts, democracy and leadership federally and provincially.

The political situation in those far-off countries, of which Jarvis writes, seems the polar opposite of that here. Consider a young woman dying on the street in Tehran and our women singing outside the Algonquin Highlands township office recently. Consider, election turn-out rates in the low 30 per cent range for municipal elections here with crowds in

the streets there. The media have been criticized for jumping from one drama to the next with little background analysis.

The theme that unites all these stories, both near and far, is disappointment and even violence that results when elections do not return fair representation. Further, democracy is not about leaders first, its about fair representation of the common person. That's the basic problem in Iran. President Ahmadinejad may well have won the election but his vote was fraudulently exaggerated. The participation of too many was disrespected.

Let's look at elections closer to home, nationally, provincially and even municipally and consider how well they work for us.

Jim Milne
West Guilford

Plow school routes

To the Editor:

I find it very confusing that there was some discussion about plowing private roads in Highlands East when we seem to have a problem getting the regular roads done in a timely manner. I am not on a private road but we actually are on a school bus route. I was told by the roads department that since amalgamating they do not take bus routes into consideration, and therefore cannot get my road plowed much before 12 p.m. School starts at 9 a.m. When the bus could not get up our road and I drove my daughter to school, all the roads on the way there were already plowed except ours. I would hope that the roads department is not plowing private roads before the others.

I am also concerned that if my daughter is transferred to the Cardiff school, if the bus can't get up our road, how am I to get her there when I work in Haliburton? Her education is important to me and with all the snow days they already get, I would like to make sure she gets there on time.

I don't have a problem with them plowing private roads but I think they need to address timing issues with the routes they already have.

Michele Little
Mumford Road

Turn water on

To the Editor:

I have been trying for some time to get water at the provided tap at Evergreen Cemetery to water the flowers on my husband's grave. Unfortunately there doesn't seem to be water there.

After consulting with the "powers that be" at the municipal office, I was informed that the water at the tap had been shut off since the Walkerton scare as a precaution, and that the water was available from a nearby creek.

It really wasn't possible for a senior (a senior senior at that) to accomplish this feat. So, could the water tap on the utility building be reactivated with a sign advising that the water is not suitable for drinking? This would certainly be of great advantage to the many visitors to Evergreen Cemetery.

Jean Gould Casey
Haliburton



Staff welcomed visitors to the dining hall with a festive handmade sign. They worked very hard to make the day a success for everyone.

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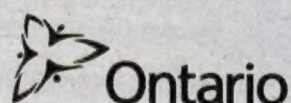
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Dads go to camp

~ Photos by Chyna Schell ~

On Father's Day, Camp Wanakita hosted its annual Strawberry Social. The place was packed with people old and young to enjoy a delicious lunch completed by juicy strawberries for dessert! The camp was also open for people to take a walk around and see how great it would be to spend a wonderfully long summer there canoeing, kayaking, swimming and doing whatever else your heart desires.



Barbara Joy Peel enjoys her strawberry shortcake for dessert.

Trails and Tours does what county wants on Rail Trail

from page 1

council overturned its own decision and once again banned motorized bikes on the trail.

Then Trails and Tours voluntarily removed itself from the committee.

"We shouldn't have had a vote," Hoeverman said. "That was an oversight."

Trails and Tours administers the Rail Trail on behalf of the county. It is a contract that they fill passively – with no official opinions on how the path should be run or which vehicles should be allowed on it.

"We make no decisions at all," said Samantha Davies, executive director of Trails and Tours. "We do what the county tells us to do."

Trails and Tours administers hundreds of trails around the county, although this is the only one run by county council.

Over the years there has been constant conflict between non-motorized users such as hikers, cyclists and equestrians, and motorized users such as ATVs. Motorcycles haven't been permitted on the trail to this point.

Snowmobiles also use the trail in the winter, but do so exclusively and have few problems with non-motorized users.

When something goes wrong with the trail, Trails and Tours is notified, and Davies will arrange to have the problem resolved. This includes cleaning up garbage, removing felled trees and replacing signage. Currently, a team of volunteers from the ATV club does the dirty work on the trail, though the heavy lifting is done by the county's roads department.

Public perception that Trails and Tours itself has an interest in the governance of the trail has led to backlash since the Enduro bike debacle.

"We were starting to get nasty phone calls with the impression it's Trails and Tours saying who can or can't be on the Rail Trail."

DON GAGE

"Non-motorized users are now annoyed with Trails and Tours," Hoeverman said.

"People called the office saying now they know who we 'really' are they won't [volunteer to] do hikes," he said.

"We were starting to get ... nasty phone calls with the impression it's Trails and Tours saying who can or can't be on the Rail Trail," said long-time Trails and Tours board member Don Gage.

Hoeverman offered to resign as president of the Trails and Tours board, but instead the group decided to try to clear up the misconceptions about the organization.

A good deal of the confusion comes from Hoeverman's "many hats," as he calls them; he is president of Trails and Tours, executive director of the trail riders association and was a member of the Rail Trail committee.

Even in an interview about the Rail Trail he switches back and forth between hats, at one moment talking about Trails and Tours and the next Enduro bikes.

It's a common dilemma in the Highlands. With everyone volunteering time for various organizations, overlapping does occur.

But it was the public perception that Hoeverman was advocating for OFTR at the Rail Trail committee on behalf of Trails and Tours that got people's backs up.

"It's got to be made very, very clear ... the truth is I absolutely detach myself [at trails meetings] ... The Trails and Tours Network has no opinion on Enduro bikes – like everything else," he said.

Now there is no Rail Trail committee at all. Wednesday's decision of county council will be reviewed in 2010 in hopes of finding a better way to manage the trail.

For many involved, getting rid of the user-group representative system is a good move.

"As a Rail Trail advocate who puts community first, I welcome the opportunity to work with a committee that is not tied to any trail organization," said Pamela Marsales, who was at one time the non-motorized user representative on the committee.

"I believe the councillors will be more sensitive to issues that relate to the public good, and upholding the county's principles of transparency and accountability. It may be more accident than design, but having a county department head as a member of the committee is a move towards the county taking more direct ownership of the trail. This is something I have advocated since the last committee was set up in 2004," Marsales said.

Davies, Hoeverman and Gage all agree.

"As long as there's a place to go [to discuss] the Rail Trail" the county's doing the right thing, Gage said.

As for Trails and Tours, it will continue to implement whatever county council sees fit.

"If the county said put cows on the trail, we'd administer cows on the trail," Davies said.

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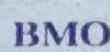
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YEAR-END CELEBRATIONS

Graduations and goodbyes at WES

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

All of the students at Wilberforce Elementary School were congratulated and celebrated for their strengths and accomplishments this year at a ceremony Tuesday afternoon at Lloyd Watson Centre.

Happy parents and friends snapped pictures and took video of their little loved ones – some heading to Haliburton next year for Grade 7 and others bound for another year at the beloved school.

Awards

Grade 1: academic – McKayla French; citizenship – Jordan Meharrie; most improved – Claudette Cohen; athletic – Jacob Wood; perseverance – Jordan Meharrie.

Grade 2: academic – Brooke Billings; leadership – Nolan Davidson-Blakey; cit-

izenship – Kadie Raimey; most improved – Becca Pacey; athletic – Lucas Hunter; perseverance – Brittany Lampman.

Grade 3: academic – Taylor Davies; leadership – Taylor Davies; citizenship – Melinda Meharrie; most improved – Lily-Rose Drain; athletic – Ethan Evans; perseverance – Kendra Anderson.

Grade 4: academic – Carmen Galea; citizenship – Cody Lampman; most improved – Drew Deterling; perseverance – Caleb Manus; French – Keisha-Marie Hughes.

Grade 5: academic – Kelsey Maracle and Jody McCartney; leadership – Eryn Solmes; citizenship – Taylor Lewis; most improved – Susie Cachia; athletic – Kelsey Maracle; perseverance – Victor Townsend; French – Jade McCartney.

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Above: The proud parent paparazzi was operating at full-capacity Thursday night, snapping pictures of their kids making the leap into adulthood.

Left: Rachel Burk laughs at a joke principal Gary Brohman delivered at the HHSS graduation ceremony Thursday night.

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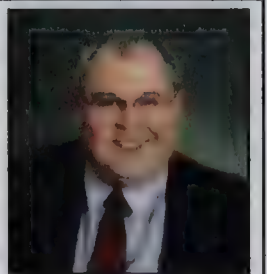
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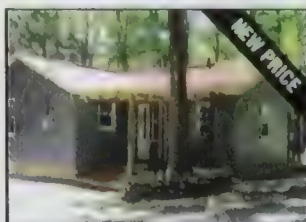
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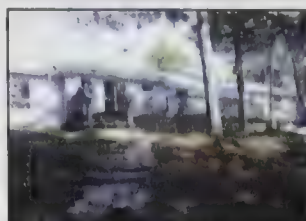
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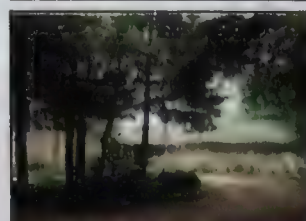
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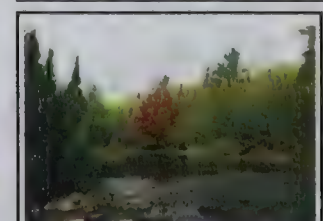
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Hawks begin 'journey of graduation'

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

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"The challenge is now to continue to make this world a better place," Brohman said to the 55th class of HHSS.

"Greatness is not ahead of you – it's within you," he said to raucous applause.

Valedictorian Robbie Balaski reminded her classmates of everything they had done during their four years at the high school. She quoted Gandhi and Joseph Campbell telling her fellow graduates that small acts of kindness do amount to big things; a "ripple effect that does change the world."

See HHSS class of 2009 photos on page 14.



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Robbie Balaski quoted Gandhi and Joseph Campbell in her valedictorian address to the graduating class of 2009.

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The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is inviting applications from health care providers and/or community-based groups for the establishment of **Family Health Teams in the following Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs):** North West, North East, Erie St. Clair, North Simcoe Muskoka, Central West, Central East, Champlain and South East.

These LHINs were selected based on a range of key indicators of need, including proportion of Ontarians without a family health care provider, chronic disease prevalence and existing family health care resources.

In addition, the ministry is extending an invitation for the establishment of Family Health Teams to existing Shared Care Pilots and to applicants interested in expanding family medicine training capacity in an interdisciplinary family health care setting, within any LHIN.

Completed applications must be received by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care no later than **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2009.**

A comprehensive application package is available on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's website at:

www.health.gov.on.ca/familyhealth

Family Health Teams are locally driven family health care delivery organizations which include family physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses and a range of other interdisciplinary health care providers who are committed to working together collaboratively to provide comprehensive, accessible, coordinated family health care within their local community.

Completed applications received after this time will not be considered. Applications can be submitted by e-mail, Canada Post or courier to:

**Family Health Care and Screening Unit (FHT)
Implementation Branch
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
1075 Bay Street, 10th Floor, Toronto, ON M5S 2B1
Inquiries should be directed to: FHT.Inquiries.MOH@ontario.ca
Greater Toronto Area: 416-212-1741, or Toll-free: 1-877-830-1808**

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Call for Applications: Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics

The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is inviting applications from health care providers and/or community-based groups for the establishment of **Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics in the following Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs):** North West, North East, Erie St. Clair, North Simcoe Muskoka, Central West, Central East, Champlain and South East.

These LHINs were selected based on a range of key indicators of need, including proportion of Ontarians without a family health care provider, chronic disease prevalence and existing family health care resources.

Completed applications must be received by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care no later than **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2009.**

A comprehensive application package is available on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's website at:

www.health.gov.on.ca/transformation/np_clinics/np_mn.html

Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics are locally-driven primary family health care organizations, which include registered nurses in the extended class, registered nurses, family physicians and a range of other health care professionals, who will work together to provide comprehensive, accessible and coordinated family health care services to a defined population. These clinics are part of the government's strategy to ensure that people have access to health care in their community instead of having to rely on hospital emergency departments.

Completed applications received after this time will not be considered. Applications can be submitted by e-mail, Canada Post or courier to:

**Family Health Care and Screening Unit (NPC)
Implementation Branch
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
1075 Bay Street, 10th Floor, Toronto, ON M5S 2B1
Inquiries should be directed to: NPCLinicInquiries.MOH@ontario.ca
Greater Toronto Area: 416-212-1741, or Toll-free: 1-877-830-1808**

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FESTIVITIES

Gooderham gets a jump on Canada Day

~ Photos by Rob McPhee ~

Happy birthday, Canada!
Gooderham firefighters threw a party for Canada and invited the community to join in.
The celebrations were held Saturday night at the Gooderham Community Centre, with lots to entertain the crowd, especially the children.
This Wednesday, West Guilford, Minden and Wilberforce are hosting their Canada Day festivities.
Please see this week's *Cottage Times* for details.

Photos continue on page 17.



A Gooderham firefighter took on a string of kids in a tug-of-war competition. This ended badly for him.

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Austin participates in the fun and games geared to children and families at Gooderham's Canada Day celebrations on Saturday at the Community Centre.

GOODERHAM CANADA DAY



The firefighters put on an impressive fireworks display.



Canada Day wouldn't be the same without face painting.

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Summer cycling on Sir Sam's ski hill

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

This year marks the first time that Sir Sam's Ski Area will remain open in the summer. It's created mountain bike trails and will also be offering pony rides and chairlift rides, as well as art displays by local artists.

The mountain bike portion of Sir Sam's has been nearly 20 years in the making. Chris Bishop, who owns the popular ski

resort with other members of his family, first entertained the idea in 1992. Finally it has all come together. On June 24 the Bishops invited members of the media and the tourism industry, which included mostly resort owners from around the area, to check out the trails first hand.

J.D. Bishop took a group of hikers on the trails while Dave Webb hit the trails with a couple of keen riders.

The official opening was on Saturday, June 27.



Right: Jonathon Murray, 16, of Haliburton rides a berm on the downhill section.

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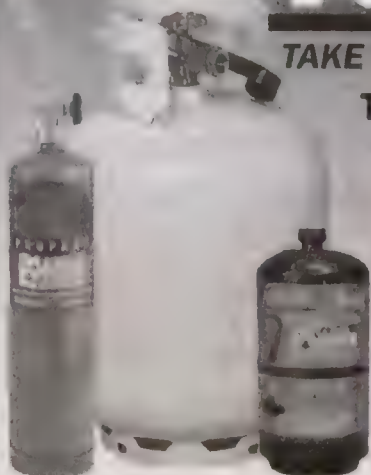


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Answer: TRUE! Propane tanks can be recycled, but not with your regular blue-box materials. Propane tanks and cylinders are considered hazardous, even if empty. The reason? — of fuel could result in a fire or explosion. Propane tanks are accepted year-round at the Maple Lake, Dorset and Oxtongue Landfill sites. Ask your attendant where to place them.



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Township of Algonquin Highlands • www.algonquinhighlands.ca • 705-489-2379

Space provided through a partnership between industry and Ontario municipalities to support waste diversion programs.



16-year-olds Jonathon Murray, front, and R.J. Tomazic of Haliburton rip the new downhill mountain bike section at Sir Sam's Ski Area.

GRADUATES OF 2009



Sarah Brittan

Graduated on June 8th,
2009 Honours Bachelor
of Science from
University of Toronto,
Attending Teachers
College in the fall at
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Ashley McAllister

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have accomplished.
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at Carleton University.
Love Mom



André Nichol

Graduated from the
University of Ottawa
with an Honours
Bachelor Degree in
Political Science.
Family and friends give
their congratulations!



Julie Catherine Snell

From Nipissing University, North Bay.
With a degree in Honours Bachelor of
Science Nursing with distinction
Julie was presented the J.W. Trusler
Proficiency Award for excellence in
academics, attaining an
average of over 80%.
She received an engraved
medal and a cash award.
Her achievements are
recognized with a plaque on
the Wall of Honour at the University.
Julie has accepted employment at the
Temiskaming Hospital, New Liskeard
in the ER and ICU.
Julie is the daughter of Jack & Cathy
and sister to Mark.
Mom Dad and Mark are very proud of
Her achievement and wish her
continued success.



Heather Taylor

Congratulations Heather
on achieving your
Masters Degree in
History and Bachelor
of Education
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Love Mom, Dad & Family



Candice Grimes

Congratulations!
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Done! Love Mom,
Dad and Ryan

Congratulations to all of our 2009 Graduates

GREEN GEEK

Spend your lunch learning how to be a good steward

Patient News Publishing and CatchingGreen.com are hosting a series of free seminars for the environmentally inclined.

The Green Geek Series features Kashagawigamog cottager Rob Davis of EcoEthic.

It's a bring-your-own-lunch and people are asked to check in at the reception at Patient News Publishing, 5152 County Road 21, next to Haliburton Tim-br Mart. Call 457-4030 for information.

The schedule is as follows:

The Secrets To Composting
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Thursday, June 25 @ noon

Septic Smarts!
Avoid Overburdening Your System
Thursday, July 16 @ noon

Dump & Run!
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August - Date TBA



MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

Rob Davis of EcoEthic will be hosting the free lunch-hour workshops.

Discover geocaching

The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council in partnership with Out to Learn is presenting the 2009 Discovery Days program. Everyone is invited to participate in these fun and informative sessions which focus on exploring the ecosystems and natural wonders of Haliburton County.

The first discovery day is July 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Kinark Outdoor Centre, where the theme will be Geocaching: A GPS Treasure Hunt.

Geocaching is an outdoor treasure hunt and is becoming popular around the world including in Wilberforce, the Geocaching Capital of Canada. Learn the basics of GPS (Global Positioning System) beginning with map and compass foundations. Every participant will learn the basics of saving and retrieving waypoints as well as other GPS functions.

This program is for anyone who wants to have a modern-day adventure while exploring their natural world. GPS units will be provided and no experience is necessary. Each session is limited to 15 people, so to register please contact: Laurie Smith at 705-286-3717. The cost is adults \$15, children \$8 and \$30 for families of four.

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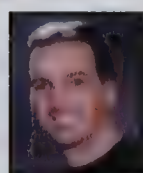
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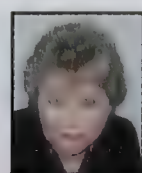
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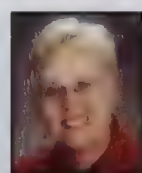
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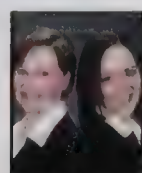
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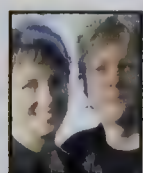
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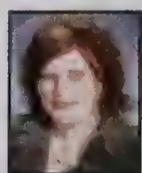
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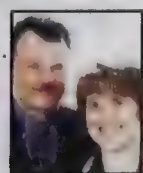
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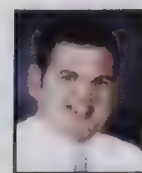
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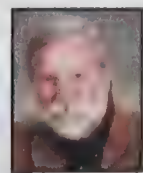
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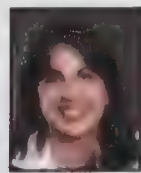
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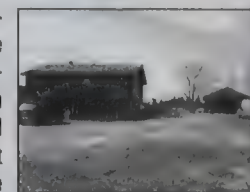
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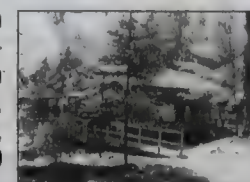
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SBES KINDER-GRADUATION Movin' on up

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

June 23 marked the graduation of Stuart Baker Elementary School kindergarten students.

Grandparents, parents, friends, and family packed the SBES gymnasium on a sweltering Tuesday afternoon for the festivities. SBES principal France Meunier gave a brief but motivating speech to parents.

"You will always be their greatest teacher," said Meunier.



Kinder grad Bailey Elstone spots her mom Barbara-Anne in the crowd.



The graduating kindergarten classes sang a number of tunes, including former music teacher Bill Gliddon's kindergarten song.

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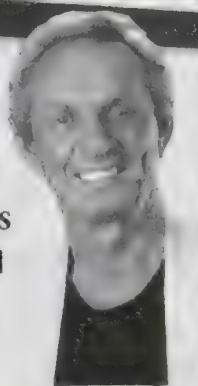


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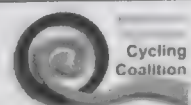
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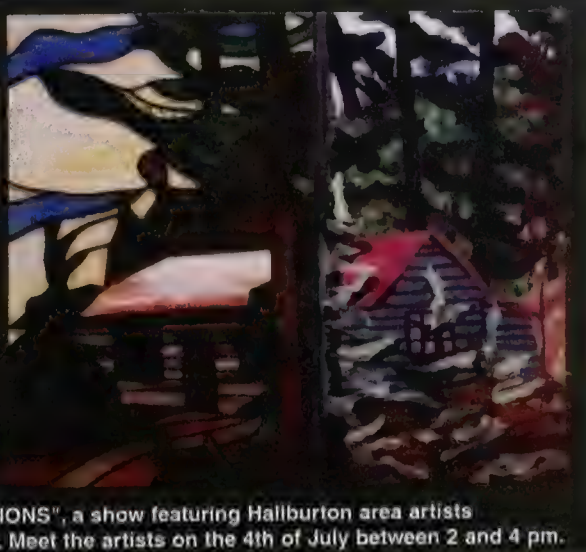
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MATT JAMES ECHO

There was a lot of emotion packed into a single statement: The Colorado Avalanche chose Haliburton's Matt Duchene as the next player to wear its jersey. All those emotions spilled out in the stands of the Bell Centre in Montreal, where Matt gives his father Vince a hug after being named this year's third NHL draft pick while other members of his family add to the uproar of the cheering fans. The 18-year-old hockey player has always been a big fan of the Avalanche, especially captain Joe Sakic.

Duchene a natural pick for the Avalanche

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overall to a team he idolized as a child, Duchene signed a contract with Reebok and received a pre-draft good luck phone call from his favourite player Sidney Crosby and a post-draft call from the man that Duchene is shaping his game and personality after: Avalanche captain Joe Sakic.

The veteran told Duchene that everyone in the organization is really happy that he's now part of the Avalanche, including the fans, and that he's looking forward to meeting the young man.

"There's not a much better guy to say that to you than your idol," said Duchene.

After the highly touted John Tavares and Victor Hedman were picked one-two by the New York Islanders and Tampa Bay Lightning respectively, "I think TSN actually caught me fist-pumping on camera after Tampa picked."

He admits that going first or second would have had its positives but going to his favourite team isn't so bad either.

Tears of joy

Chris and Vince Duchene have been down a long hockey road with their son, and though in one sense it's come to an end, another journey is just beginning.

"Vince and I are really happy and I know I should be really happy for me, but I have to tell you my overwhelming emotions are for Matt," said a tearful Chris, the head of student services at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. "They're absolutely for Matt because I just know what he's all about."

Chris remembers watching NHL drafts on television with Matt, who shared his dream of one day being part of the action.

"You're like, 'That would be a dream,'" she said.

Her heart was pounding the moment she stepped into the Bell Centre. "The shaky legs, the whole bit,"

she said. "I just couldn't believe it was happening."

Sitting there waiting for his name to be called, Matt turned to her and said, "Mom, I'm going to cry. I hope you know I'm going to cry."

A trade announced by NHL commissioner Gary Bettman following Tampa's No. 2 pick didn't help matters.

Chris said, "We were teasing Matthew all the way through, talking about what if [Bettman] gets up and says there's been a trade. And then he did it!"

It turns out it was a big trade between Anaheim and Philadelphia. But upon hearing "Anaheim," she thought that her brother, Newell Brown, the assistant coach of the Anaheim Ducks, had traded up for his nephew.

"Just for a second we all kind of paused," she said.

But the planets just seemed to be aligned, and when the Avs logo went up on one of the big screens Matt turned to her and said, "How many times did I draw that logo?"

When Duchene's name was called as the draft's third pick overall, Vince Duchene gave a double fist-pump.

"One, it's not only that he did it," says Vince, "but two, he went to the team he dreamed of going to...."

"Until you actually are sitting in the seat and see it happen - there's an enormous amount of pride. But I would say that the better feeling is watching your child fulfill a fantasy. That's what it was. It was more than being drafted."

After the draft, members of the Duchene camp gathered in the Avalanche's suite on the third floor of the Bell Centre to celebrate. With the clink of a wine glass, Colorado Avalanche general manager Greg Sherman signaled he was ready to address the room.

"We just wanted to say how proud we are for this night," said Sherman. "We're real excited to have Matt join our franchise. This is a great night for you all as well to have; it's unique in this game to have the family and friends together on such a special night, so I just wanted to take this opportunity to welcome every-

body. You've all been a big part of Matt's life, I'm sure of that."

Sherman was sure of one other thing: if Duchene had been available for the Avalanche's third pick they were taking him.

"There was a lot of speculation about how the draft was going to unfold," said Sherman. "Our director of [amateur] scouting, Richard Pracey and Alan Hepple [assistant director of amateur scouting] felt with pretty good confidence that things would unfold as they did. But there's that uncertainty, nothing's 100 per cent, so we were real excited when Tampa Bay made their selection."

The team didn't hesitate to select the young man from Haliburton. "It was a no-brainer."

As well as being a good hockey player, Sherman said, "the character of this person was a big part of our analysis and he obviously fit that profile."

Sherman wasn't the only one praising Duchene. Joining in the celebrations along with Chris and Vince were Duchene's sister Jessica, grandparents Emile and Jane Duchene and Eleanor and Newell Brown Sr., aunts and uncles, cousins, and his Brampton billets, Gord and Sue Bell, all of whom were so proud of the young man now decked out in Avalanche maroon and white.

"Matthew has always been something special," said Eleanor Brown. "He was so talented in so many ways. We knew he was something special playing hockey."

"I can agree with that whole heartedly," said Newell Brown. "He's always been fun to watch since he was five years old; he always seemed to have natural talent in his blood. And besides hockey he's a really fine young man that we appreciate and love a lot, and he's going to do well on and off the ice."

The Browns give part of the credit for Matt's achievements to his parents.

"They both very grounded," said Eleanor.

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New chapter about to begin

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"And humble," said Newell Sr. "They were working very hard with him, they sacrificed a lot of their social life for him, drove a lot of miles, spent a lot of money but it was all worth while. Vince and Chrissy are both great people. And their parenting has been really good; they've given Matt all the opportunities."

However, Eleanor added, Matt was a pretty easy sell.

"He just knew what was right and he always appreciated what his parents did for him," she said. "So that must have made their job a little easier. He's talented but he's challenging because he's always thinking."

There were times when Emile Duchene thought his son might have been a bit hard on Matt, "but you can see today what took place," Emile said. "They're father and son but they're also best friends. I was sympathetic towards Matt but it made a great young player out of him."

Emile would often make the long road trip to watch his grandson play. After the game he'd see Matt.

"He'd say, 'Thanks for coming to watch, Grandpa. We lost again, eh,' and I'd say 'Matt, if I was driving to come and just watch a winning team then I wouldn't come. You are the one that I'm here for.'"

When asked what it was like to see his grandson go up on the stage and pull the Avs jersey over his head, Emile said, "I was in tears. My heartbeat, I could feel it. I always had in the back of my mind that if there was going to be a hockey star in the Duchene family he was going to be the one. It's just one of the proudest days of my life."

Gord and Sue Bell have been billets for the Brampton Battalion ever since the team joined the OHL 11 years ago. Duchene arrived at their house when he was 16. "He's just a fantastic kid," said Sue. "He's got a great personality, a great outlook, and great work ethic."

As surrogate parents, they say that apart from telling him to go to bed a little earlier some nights, they never had any disciplinary problem. He never missed curfew and he always did his homework assignments for school.

Gord says, "He's so self-driven. This was a venture he set himself out on. Everything he's done on the ice and off the ice is all his doing."

Matt moved back to Haliburton the day after the Battalion lost the OHL finals to Windsor. "He said leaving our house that day was hardest thing that he's ever done in his life and that meant a lot to us."

Duchene's sister, an athlete in her own right, shed a few tears for her brother when his name was called. She called the experience "amazing" but she was a little nervous for him before all went down.

"All that traveling and stuff paid off and now he can just move on and do what he needs to do," she said.

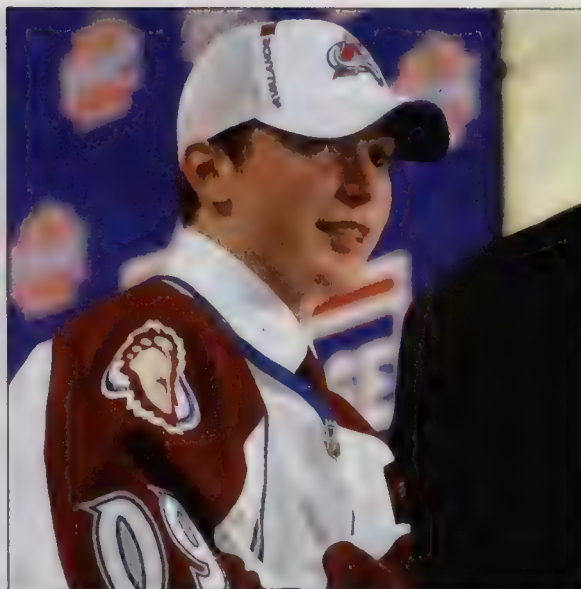
Vince says his goal-oriented son "needs the next bar now to reach to."

Duchene is already in Colorado and will go back again July 7 for the team's development camp where he'll work with Avalanche trainers and nutritionists.

"It's the end of a chapter but a beginning of a new era and I can't wait to get started," Duchene said. "That day, whenever I make that team, and I realize I'm there for good is the day my dream will be totally realized."

It's not yet known if Matt will be playing for the Avalanche this fall. Under NHL rules, he can play only 10 games before the Avalanche must decide if he's going to stay on the roster. Otherwise, because of his age he'll go back to Brampton for another year.

Sherman said, "It will be up to our coaching staff and our director of hockey operations personnel at that



MATT JAMES/ECHO

Matt Duchene used to pretend to be Avalanche hockey stars Patrick Roy, Joe Sakic and Peter Forsberg. Now he's wearing their jersey.

time to evaluate what's best for the franchise, what's best for Matt, and we'll take it from there."

Duchene says "They haven't told me yet but I'm pretty sure they usually bring their guys along slowly and I'm pretty young still. But I'm going to do my best to make the team next year and I think I can give it a great shot."

In light of all of Duchene's successes, he hasn't forgotten where he's come from.

"I want to give a shout out to everyone in Haliburton who have always supported me," said Duchene.

His high school hockey days "are some of the best times of my life" and he thanked all the people at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School: principal Gary Brohman and coaches Paul Morissette, Paul Longo, and Ron Yake.

"They helped me so much with my career, it's awesome to look back on," he said.

Stan Butler, Duchene's coach in Brampton with the Battalion for the past two years, has also earned a lot of credit from Duchene. After hugging his family, Duchene hugged Butler, sitting nearby.

"I was really happy to have him here," said Duchene. "He's been as big a part of my success as anybody."

So now, after spending so much of his youth drawing the symbol of the Colorado Avalanche, Duchene will spend much of his adulthood hoping one day to become the symbol of the Colorado Avalanche.



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JDHES GRADUATION

Grade 8 students celebrate JDHES life

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

The entire J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School community – from principal to students to parents and everyone in between – helped the graduating Grade 8 class of 2009 celebrate their achievements on a very hot and humid June 24.

The room soon became a wave of yellow as the crowd fanned themselves with the brightly coloured programs as the grads readied themselves for the big moment.

A warm welcome from principal Traci Hubbert kicked things off and soon the students were handed their diplomas, along with a number of awards. Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, graduating students also accepted awards and certificates for junior and intermediate school letters, as well as honours and subject awards. Certificates for drama, track and field, perfect attendance, and excellent attendance were also given out.

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Students from each of the three graduating class were presented with special awards. From left, the recipients were: Front row: Athletes of the year Ali Hicks and Nick Hunter. Ali was also presented an Outstanding Distinction Award. Second row: Christine Darlington, Stuart Baker Award for Citizenship; Anne-Marie Warden, citizenship award and Ontario Principal Award for outstanding leadership; and Emma McKnight, citizenship award. Third row: Rob Lewis, academic excellence; Jessica Bishop, academic excellence; Jessica Duchene, academic excellence; Megan Lapierre, academic excellence; Rebecca Currie, academic excellence; and Bin Chun, academic excellence. Back row: Jamie Dack, Outstanding Distinction Award and Ontario Principal Award; Brigitta Hicks, Outstanding Distinction; Sandy Griffith, Outstanding Distinction; and Caitlyn Griffin, Outstanding Distinction and Ontario Principal Award.

The following is a list of the JDHES graduating class of 2009. Students who received honours are in capital letters: Cory Barry, MACKENZIE BELL, CHRISTINA BERNING, Maxine Berry-Curl,

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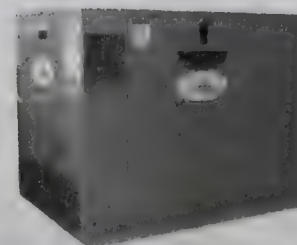
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School Letters are presented to students who garner points for academic and extra curricular activities. Junior school letters were presented to Kristen McKee, Connor Marsden, Noelle Russell and Hunter Bishop. Absent from photo are fellow recipients Jessica Karaguesian, Rebecca Kidd and Joanie Tyler.



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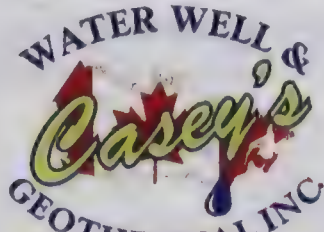
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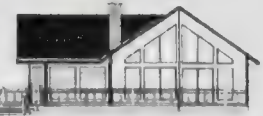
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ARTS AND CULTURE

Art Hive celebrates 2nd birthday

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Saturday afternoon community and local politicians gathered to congratulate the Maple Lake Artists' Collective - The Art Hive - on its second birthday.

There was drumming, music, cake, painting, silk-screening and pottery for visitors to take part in. And of course, delicious iced mocha coffee. The Bonnie View Inn served hot snacks for guests.

Algonquin Highlands councillor Carol Moffatt was on hand to cut the ribbon at the opening and later on MP Barry Devolin visited to offer his congratulations.

Read more about all the festivities in Eleanor Cooper's column this week on page 34.

The Art Hive doesn't only sell art, but also offers courses and workshops to inspire the artist in yourself. The following are some of the upcoming programs offered at the Hive.

July 3: Kids' Puppet Making! (Age 7 to 11)

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., artist: Kathleen Atkinson-Hindle. Come and explore the limitless possibilities of puppet-making. In this half-day class, you will design and create a fun character puppet. Cost \$20 fee plus \$5 material fee.

July 9: Monsters and Princesses in Clay (Ages 7 to 12)

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., artist: Sharon Lynch. Create your own clay monster or princess using low-fired clay and coloured slips. Fired items can be picked up at the Art Hive two weeks later. Cost: \$20 fee plus \$5 material fee.

July 9: Clay Leaf Serving Dish for beginners. 1:30 to 4 p.m., artist: Sharon Lynch.

In this adult half-day workshop you will make an attractive serving dish you will be proud to use entertaining. Cost: \$25 plus \$5 material fee.

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Beth Johns gets a few tips on pottery from Sharon Lynch at the Art Hive's second birthday party Saturday afternoon.

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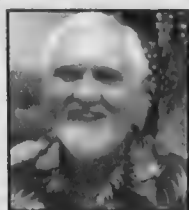
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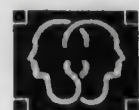


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Party at Red Cross Outpost in Wilberforce

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Hilda Clark
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Celebrate our country's 142nd birthday with friends and fellow citizens. The party begins at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1 in Wilberforce at the Red Cross Outpost Historic House. Oh, Canada! Enjoy Canadian musicians Bethany Houghton with her violin and cello and Ernie Demuth on guitar. Wave the flag. Eat cake. "O Canada, where pines and maples grow, great prairies spread and lordly rivers flow. How dear to us thy broad domain from east to western sea. O Canada."

Writers, both reluctant and practising ones, were motivated to create by Ruth E. Walker at the Dominion Hotel in Minden on Saturday, June 27. As guest speaker at an after-breakfast meeting of the Haliburton High-

lands Writers' and Editors' Network, she sent attendees away all charged up to get their "pencils sharpened" or their computers fired up. Thanks to HHWEN for bringing inspiring speaker such as Ruth.

We are saddened to learn of the death of Dallyn Pickens. He was a resident of Gooderham until health problems forced a move to Peterborough only a few years ago. Always knowledgeable about and interested in the history of this area Dallyn donated several of his sister's nurse uniforms to the Wilberforce Outpost Museum. He then provided a new life-sized mannequin which now displays one of those uniforms. These generous contributions to the Outpost will stand as a reminder of this generous person for years to come. Condolences are extended to Dallyn's family and friends.

The Outpost Historic House will be open daily 11 to 4 from Canada Day to Labour Day Saturday. Carolyn, a high school graduate, or a volunteer will be on hand to welcome visitors and to provide tours of the site.

The Wilberforce School held its graduation and

awards program at the Lloyd Watson Centre last week. The students are now on vacation. May they enjoy a healthy, safe fun summer. The graduating Grade 6 class will very likely be the last to go on to Haliburton for Grade 7 and 8. Unless the school board comes up with other options, September 2010 will see those students either staying here in Wilberforce or going to the school in Cardiff. Come next June it may be just an awards ceremony as the school year ends. Will we be celebrating or weeping?

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Pursuant to By-law No. 2007-145, notice is hereby provided that a Special Council Meeting will be held on Monday, July 6th, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be a Closed Session Meeting being held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office for the purpose of training, pursuant to Section 239 (3.1) of the Municipal Act. The regular meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m.



TENDER FOR ROOFING REPLACEMENT FOR THE MINDEN WORKS GARAGE

CONTRACT 108793

SEALED TENDERS must be clearly marked "Tender for Contract 108793, Roofing Replacement for the Minden Works Garage". Tenders will be received by the Road Superintendent at the Municipal Offices in Minden, Ontario, until:

12:00 NOON, LOCAL TIME, WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2009

The work generally comprises of replacement of the steel roofing on the building. Plans, Specifications and Tender Forms are available at the Consultant's Office in Bracebridge for a non-refundable fee of \$40.00 (\$38.10 + GST \$1.90), made payable to the Consultant. Tenders will be opened at 1:00 P.M. Local Time, Wednesday, July 15, 2009. Each Tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque in the amount stipulated in the Tender Documents.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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Proposals will assess the requirements of each site and guarantee that adequate sized generators are specified for each location.

Diesel and propane generators only to be specified. Proposals shall list sites on an individual basis and costs shall include all material, labour, permits, inspections, warranty and taxes.

Proposals must be submitted by 12 noon on or before Thursday, July 16, 2009

Site visits may be scheduled by contacting the undersigned:

**Brian Whetstone CRS-S
Manager of Operations**

Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Rd.
Minden, ON K0M 2K0
705-489-2379
Email: bwhetstone@algonquinhighlands.ca



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON 2008 Financial Statements

Copies of the 2008 Financial Statements can be found online or can be picked up at the County of Haliburton Administrative Office at 11 Newcastle St. in Minden.

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TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS TENDER FOR REPAIRS TO SUNNYBROOK BRIDGE CONTRACT 108791

SEALED TENDERS, must be clearly marked "Tender for Contract 108791 REPAIRS TO SUNNYBROOK BRIDGE"

Tenders will be received by the Road Superintendent at the Municipal Offices in Minden, Ontario, until:

12:00 NOON, LOCAL TIME, WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2009

The work generally comprises of repairs to the curbs, sidewalks and other concrete on the bridge and on the approaches.

Plans, Specifications and Tender Forms are available at the Consultant's Office in Bracebridge for a non-refundable fee of \$40.00 (\$38.10 + GST \$1.90), made payable to the Consultant.

Tenders will be opened at 1:30 P.M. Local Time, Wednesday, July 15, 2009.

Each Tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque in the amount stipulated in the Tender Documents.

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■ ANTI-SMOKING

The mural is the message

For most of the past school year, 16-year-old Tanner McCausland and 18-year-old Kristen Schultz have been coming up with a way to let their fellow students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School know why they shouldn't be smoking. Their mural, which they did for the school's Breathe Clean program, makes students aware of the health and social detriments of smoking. "Kissing a smoker is licking an ashtray," one graffiti-like slogan says. "Don't be a puppet in their show," was another. Money for the mural was provided by the health unit and the supervising teacher was Karen Gervais.

Photo by Martha Perkins

Notices



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON ALLSAW BRIDGE CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE OF COMPLETION

The County of Haliburton is proposing improvements to the site of Allsaw Bridge located on County Road 21, 0.30 km East of Blairhampton Road. The bridge is located over the narrows between Soyers and Kashagawigamog Lakes in the Township of Minden Hills, County of Haliburton.

The existing bridge structure, constructed in 1959, has been identified as being structurally deficient with respect to the existing barrier protection as it does not meet the current code. The condition of the steel coating, wear surface, concrete deck and fascias are poor and the guide rail protection requires replacement. Other localized areas of concrete are deteriorated and the bridge is in need of rehabilitation.

The County of Haliburton has concluded that the preferred solution is to rehabilitate the existing structure. The work is scheduled for completion by late 2009.

This project is being planned under Schedule B of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (Oct. 2000). Subject to comments received and the receipt of all necessary approvals, the County intends to proceed with the design and construction of this project.

For further information concerning this project or to inspect a copy of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document and/or Completion Report, please contact:

County of Haliburton
Mr. Doug Ray,
Director of Public Works
P.O. Box 880, 3 Germaine St.
MINDEN, Ontario, K0M 2K0
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Email: brad.king@aecom.com

Interested persons may provide written comment to the County on the proposal within 30 calendar days from the date of this Notice. Comments should be directed to the County of Haliburton or the Consulting Engineer for the project at the addresses listed above.

If concerns regarding this project cannot be resolved in discussion with the municipality, a person or party may request that the Minister of Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual environment assessments. Requests must be received by the Minister at the address below within 30 calendar days of this Notice. A copy of the request must also be sent to the County of Haliburton. If there is no request received by July 25, 2009, Allsaw Bridge rehabilitation will proceed to design and construction as presented in the planning documentation.

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Opening ceremonies for the much-anticipated Farmers' Market in Haliburton are set. The market will start at 3 p.m. on Friday July 3 in the field at Roberts Marina (beside Tim-br Mart, kifty-corner to The Beer Store).

Parliamentary members Barry Devolin and Rick Johnston will welcome people in a program hosted by Roxanne Casey of 100.9 Canoe FM. Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey will close the short program after a ribbon-cutting ceremony. (A veggie ribbon?)

Entertainment will be provided by the choir Outloud Womyn's Voices and Abbey North Drummers. The afternoon will include refreshments for everyone and activities for children to make it a memorable event.

So far, 16 local food producers from farmers to bakers to makers of hummus and preserves have committed to participating for the whole summer.

Others have expressed interest, particularly in becoming a vendor when the weather lets their gardens produce, so there could be even more. There will also be a fundraising table of homemade pies and perhaps some other baking.

(Zion United Church of Carnarvon will be there opening day. If not-for-profit groups are interested in reserving a day, contact Barb Walford-Davis at 489-1715.)

So whether a person wants fresh fruits and vegetables, home baking, jam, handmade soap, or other crafts, the market promises to be an exciting place to shop.

Come and meet the people who actually grow and make your food, and enjoy the opening ceremonies. You won't be disappointed.



Joanie Tyler tends to the garden at local Waverley Brook Farm./Photo Matt James

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- A good understanding of and the ability to interpret policies, regulations, legislation and guidelines relating to all functions.
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- Strong communication and inter-personal skills as they deal with a wide variety of individuals and groups on a regular basis.
- Excellent planning/time management and organizational skills.

The position requires a minimum of five years experience in a similar progressively responsible related position. Compensation of the position will be commensurate with experience and qualifications (salary grid \$65,520.00 - \$75,930.00). A comprehensive benefit package will be available.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit a resume in confidence, clearly marked "CONFIDENTIAL - Environmental and Property Operations Manager", by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, July 29, 2009 to Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. Attention: Mr. G.M. Morrison, CAO (e-mail: gmorrison@mindenhills.ca) Telephone: (705) 286-1260 ext 213. Fax: (705) 286-4917. www.mindenhills.ca

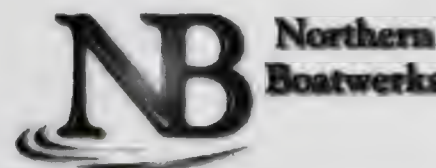
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HHSS grads get piped in for 40th time

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west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
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It looked like a party: Festive balloons (one in the shape of a bee), flowers, and people gathering to help the Art Hive celebrate its second anniversary on Saturday afternoon. The celebration cake proved to be as delicious as it was attractive. As one born at Maple Lake, I can share in the pride of the occasion. The Art Hive cooperative is stocked and operated by local artists.

We heard Barry Hayward lead the drummers' circle out of doors. Wendy Wood demonstrated spinning and weaving at her tented area where her fine woven work was on display.

Sheila Ziman's exquisite basketry was placed alongside pottery so beautifully crafted by Lisa Barry, Sharon Lynch and April Gates, who also sang along with the Jeff Barry entertainment. One of Jeff's songs was Beyond the Reef, which he brought back from his trip with Pat to Hawaii.

Sandi Luck's colourful and imaginative stitchery was in evidence in picture as well as in cushioned tuffets (as in little Miss Muffet).

Jewellery was crafted by Erin Lynch and Kathleen Atkinson-Hindle.

Sandy Slote's paintings and Cory Pietryszyn's photography together with Jonathon Hagarty's sculptured

works added up to an impressive creative exhibition of local artistry. Darby Bayly's silk screening on T-shirts produced many images of birds or chickens for attractive quality wear.

Algonquin Highlands Councillor Carol Moffatt cut the ribbon at the opening of the affair, and MP Barry Devolin came later to offer his congratulations on the celebration's obvious success with lots of people coming.

Piping the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduates into the school gymnasium began 40 years ago and once again Earl did the honours in that department.

High school graduates from grade 12 who distinguished themselves from this general area include the following.

Matthew Duchene, who we congratulate on his joining the Colorado Avalanche as well as on his scholastic achievement. Matthew being the son of Chris and Vince and grandson of Guilford's Emile and Jane Duchene.

Cody Griffin is also a Grade 12 graduate, son of Cathy and Brad Griffin. Lindsay Jowett is the daughter of Tom and Janice Jowett. Anthony Micallef is the foster son of George and Sylvia Claridge and has been accepted into the engineering course at Carleton University.

Daniel Sisson is the son of Mike and Sharon Sisson, and Lindsey Snelgrove is the daughter of Rob and Wendy Snelgrove. Congratulations to all of you!

Feel free to call me if I've missed any local people. When our own have grown and gone, I'm not in as close touch as I would like to be with who is in school now.

In the 2009 graduating class of J. Douglas Hodgson

Elementary School, from this area we have Zachary Boice, son of Kendra and Barry Boice. Paul Cirtwill, son of Sue and Ben Cirtwill. Lauren Dixon daughter of Betty and Carl Dixon. Darcee Sipe daughter of Esther (Cooper) and Graydon Sipe.

Emma Paul daughter of Andy and Judi Paul and Caitlyn Griffin, daughter of Brad and Cathy Griffin, who like Emma was awarded a medallion for becoming an honour student. Caitlyn also won awards in English, drama and as an outstanding leader, a graduate of distinction. Emerald Henderson the granddaughter of Jean and the late Rod Henderson and daughter of John and Judy Henderson. If there are others I should mention please let me know.

The community centre board would like to acknowledge with thanks the following who cleaned the grounds of the centre on May 24: Barry and Kendra Boice, Andrew and Sara Burtch, Logan Roberts, Lisa Hamilton, Wendy Sisson, Tanya Sisson, Lynn Morrison, Perry Morrison, and Erin Burtch.

Kathleen Owens is home from travelling in Cornwall, Wales and Scotland over the past two weeks.

Euchre scores: High: Norma Geddis and Dave Switzer. Low: Ruby Parcells and Ed Jessop. Most lone hands: Alice Jones and Leroy Mowat.

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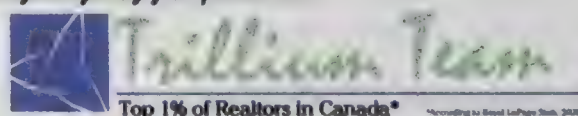
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10 a.m. Meeting starts

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Susanne Lauten of CUME (Cottagers Against Uranium Mining Exploration)

Following the meeting, members are invited to a Wine & Cheese at The Noble.

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to the **UR** Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

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• JULY 1 to JULY 4: reMARKable - PRINTMAKING by OTIS TAMASAUSKAS RCA - Presented by the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. The Opening reception is Friday June 5th at 4:00 p.m. Tamasauskas refuses to remain within the conventional confines of printmaking, choosing instead to experiment with collage as a means of developing rich textural surfaces. The long process will be laid out through example, text, handouts and video documentation. The artist offers periodic demonstrations on a press in the gallery. Please visit the gallery website www.mindentimes.ca

• JULY 1: ART TALK - HALIBURTON - WHERE IT'S ART - Presented by the Haliburton School of the Arts- Fleming College. Jim Blake, curator of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest and master storyteller shares the remarkable story of Haliburton's transformation from bustling lumber town to vibrant arts community over the past century in the Great Hall at Fleming College - Haliburton Campus, free admission. For more information contact Fleming College 705-457-1680 or email contact@HaliburtonSchoolofTheArts.ca

• JULY 3: HALIBURTON FARMERS MARKET OPENING FESTIVITIES - Join us at 3:00 at the Roberts Marina, beside Haliburton TIM-BR Mart. Meet growers, producers, and artisans. Bring the family to celebrate local food. Market open until 7 pm.

• JULY 4 to JULY 31: "INTERPRETATIONS" "One Inspiration ~ Many Interpretations" - Presented by the Ethel Curry Gallery. The works of Jane Selbie: Fabric Artist and Tom Green: Glass Artist unite to explore each inspiration in unique ways. Opening July 4, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. with refreshments. For more information call 705-457-9687 or see www.theethelcurrygallery.com

• JULY 4: SHERBOURNE TRAIL TO KAWAGAMA LAKE ATV RIDE- Presented by the Haliburton ATV Association. Meet at Ox Narrows Restaurant north of Carnarvon on #35 10:00 a.m. Arrive early if you want breakfast. Rides (Unless otherwise stated) require HATVA membership or trail pass. Buy your pass or membership BEFORE you show up. Email bhtrask@sympatico.ca

• JULY 4: RED CROSS /LIFESAVING SWIM PROGRAM REGISTRATION - Registration July 4th at Stanhope Community Hall. Session 1 runs from July 6th to July 24th Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Session 2 runs from July 27th to August 14th at Elvin Johnson Park, Hall's Lake. For more information 705-766-9968 or email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca

• JULY 4: COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE - Held at the Dorset Recreation Centre July 4th from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. For more information call 705-754-9968 or email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca

• JULY 4 to JULY 5: GULLFEST SUMMER RACES - Saturday Ontario is hosting the Lower Slalom in conjunction with Minden Wildwater Preserve. Boater Cross goes at 3:00 p.m. Sunday Andrew Westlake Memorial race at 9:00 a.m. and Freestyle at 3:00 p.m. For more information see www.whitewaterontario.ca

• JULY 4: DORSET FIREWORKS - Rain Date July 5th. Starts at Dusk (9:30-10 pm) Big Trading Bay. Sponsored by the Dorset Volunteer F.D. and businesses in the Dorset Area. A boat will be passed around - all donations appreciated and go towards next years show!

• JULY 6 to AUGUST 14: SWIMMING LESSONS - Presented by The Kennis Lake Cottage Owner's Association. The program features enthusiastic instructors and small classes, and are a great way for kids to improve their strokes, get comfortable swimming in the lake, learn about water safety, and meet new friends. Lessons are Monday to Friday, and students must complete any two weeks to be eligible for a badge. The cost of lessons is \$45/week for non-members. For more information or for registration, please contact Stephanie Clark 705-754-4542 or email sekclark@gmail.com

• JULY 6 to JULY 10: POINT IN TIME - SUMMER ADVENTURE DAY CAMP. Are you looking for something fun and exciting to do this summer? Well look no further, Point in Time of Haliburton County is offering its eighth annual Summer Adventure Day Camp for children aged 6-11 in Haliburton! At thirty dollars a week, this day camp promises to be filled with crafts, sports, music, games, drama, beach fun and swimming! Registration forms can be picked up at Point in Time, 39 Eastern Ave., or at www.pointintime.ca Spaces are limited. For more information call Dawn Mole or Heather Lublow at 705-457-5345.

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Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

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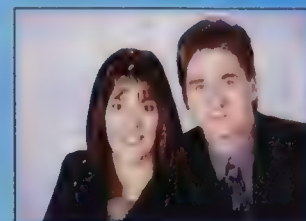
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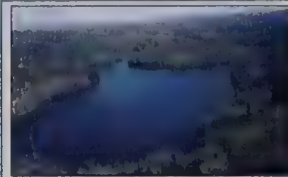
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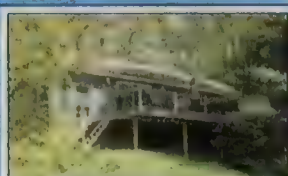
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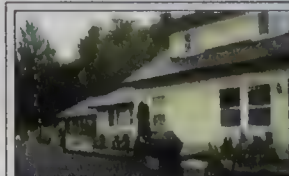
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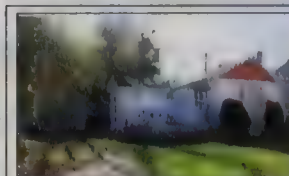
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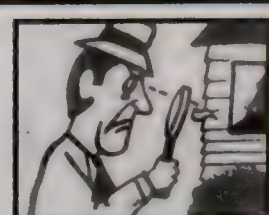
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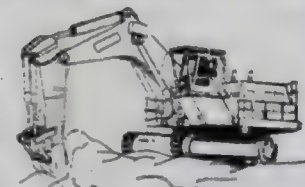
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Everyone should see Annie

Column and photo by Matt James

She's got a little hop, a lot of red on top, and she's ready to entertain Haliburton County — she's Annie!

It's summer theatre season and the Highlands Summer Festival kicked off its first of 10 performances of *Annie* on June 29 at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton.

It's been nearly two months since the cast of *Annie* began rehearsing, and during that time Annie, played by 13-year-old Boshkung Lake cottager Michelle Bailey, has learned a thing or two about what her character would have had to live through in the Great Depression thanks to director Scot Denton.

"When we first got into reading the script through he kept telling us a whole bunch of stories and asked us if we knew what a whole bunch of words meant," Michelle says. "So I learned what mostly everything in the play means."

"Like the word 'Hoverville'," said Daddy Warbucks, played by Brian Kipping. Back in the 1930s, a Hoverville was a popular name for shantytowns built by the homeless.

Hearing all of the stories from Denton and other cast members has helped Michelle develop her char-

acter.

"If you were in an orphanage it was a pretty crazy bad life," she said.

When Michelle was interviewed back in February after landing the lead role, the young talent said it was the music and the part of Annie that attracts her most.

"I like her personality," said Michelle. "How it's spunky but she still has a rough edge."

For Kipping, a Highlands stage veteran (*Trying, The Foreigner*), *Annie* is special in its own way.

"It's a fun piece," he said. "The acting part isn't as challenging [as other roles] but the music is, and there's a lot of movement and it's one of those shows that's got lots of energy and is fun from beginning to end."

"You always learn new things in every production. In this one there's so much business — there's so many musical numbers and big cast numbers."

During the production Michelle and Kipping perform a duo, *Together At Last*, which happens to be Michelle's favourite.

So what's she looking forward to most about performing in front of

Haliburton County?

"Whenever I get to perform, it's my favourite part of the whole process," she said.

"Audiences are going to love all the kids in the show," said Kipping. "With all the kids and the dog, all the old [actors] may as well not even show up!"

His sincerity shone through as he describes the voices and intelligence of the five local kids cast as orphans.

"The kids' numbers together are a lot of fun to watch," said Kipping.

The president of the Highlands Summer Festival, Jack Brezina, "We were fortunate to find a lot of talent in our community amongst the young performers. This is an ideal family show; there is no reason that anyone with any concerns of live theatre should be concerned. There's good humour, a little bit of tension here and there...it's a feel good musical that everybody can enjoy."

Annie evening show times are June 30 to July 3 and July 7 to 10 with an curtain time of 8 p.m. There will be one matinee Sunday, July 5 at 2:30 p.m.

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Daddy Warbucks, (Brian Kipping), Annie (Michelle Bailey), and Sandy (Dexter Marsden) visited Head Lake Park in anticipation of their opening night at the Highlands Summer Festival on June 29.

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Ghost Dusters

Column by Steve Galea

Photos by Matt James

Jenn Watt and I stood silently before the desk of Editor Parsimonious Perkins while Perkins immersed herself in her hobby of drawing moustaches on photos of orphaned babies.

"At least we caught her in a good mood," I whispered to Watt, the rookie reporter who had been assigned to be taller than me for the remainder of the summer – yet another one of the subtle and creative ways Perkins used to demean me.

Nevertheless, my observation turned out to be true. Perkins – the meanest editor to ever conjunct a conjunction – was indeed in a good mood, as evidenced by the fact that she actually gave us a choice of assignments.

"Let's see. You either can pumice my feet or ..."

"We'll take the other one!" I yelped.

In hindsight, it was a good call. All Perkins wanted us to do was to go the Dominion Hotel in Minden and see if we could make contact with the eerie ghost of Ana Pacelli – once the mistress of a captain and the governess of his child, George S. Thompson, who later became a local lumber baron. The fact that Ana died in New Orleans and, as a ghost, stalked George all the way up to Minden, however, still wasn't half as scary as Perkins' bunions.

"That was close," I said to Watt, as we walked up to the hotel. "Now who was it we were supposed to meet again?"

Jenn reminded me that Sarah Delroy, an employee of the hotel, was going to meet us there. She was the only person we knew of who might have actually seen Ana. Once, she looked over to see a woman sitting at a table in the hotel's otherwise empty dining area; but when she turned away for a second, and then looked back, the woman was gone.

"When we were kids, my mother experienced something similar at bath time," I exclaimed.

"Apparently she still does," Watt observed, scrunching up her nose.

In any case, Delroy told Jenn, over the phone, that she suspected the ghost was a clean freak, since she hadn't spilled a thing even though they were serving Sloppy Joe's that night.

"Clean freak, huh?" I said. "This sounds like a job for Ghost Dusters!"

With that, I cued photographer Matt James to play the background beat while I sang:

*When you've got a ghost,
Who's a clean freak too,
Who you gonna call?
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"Stop! Please stop! For the love of all things holy, stop!" Watt said.

"Besides, what the heck does dusting have to do with ghosts?"

"Not ghosts, Jenn. Clean freaks," I revealed while tapping my forehead.

I quickly explained that no self-respecting clean freak could stand idly by and watch others less competent than they clean up. "They're genetically programmed to get in on the action and supervise. It happens all the time at my house. This ghost will be no different."

"So you are saying we just walk in and start cleaning in the Dominion Hotel?" Watt sneered.

"Jenn, this is Haliburton County. People break out in



Ana Pacelli, the ghost that wanders the halls of the Dominion Hotel, obviously has a few unresolved issues about dust. Thanks to the Ghost Dusters team of Jenn Watt and Steve Galea, participants in the upcoming ghost tours of Minden don't need to bring a vacuum along in case Ana wants to put them to work.

spontaneous acts of cleanliness all the time!"

"You wouldn't steer me wrong would you?"

"Hey, if it wasn't for me, you'd be running a belt sander across the bottom of Perkins' feet right now."

I believe that was a breakthrough moment. Suddenly, and with an audible thump, Watt's I.Q. plummeted to levels approximating mine.

"Let's do this," she said, winking with both eyes. Then, displaying an air of confidence that I had never seen in her, she turned smartly and walked right into the closed door.

Once inside, however, the job was tougher than expected, but only because the place was impeccably clean to begin with. Luckily, I still had a pocket full of dirt from last week's story, so I distributed it judiciously around the premises.

Then, Watt and I did the sensible thing and strapped vacuum cleaners onto our backs. It was time to go Ghost Dusting.

The sweet, annoying drone of vacuum suction filled the air and after I managed to break the seal between my nose and the nozzle, I began cleaning in earnest. It was then that a slender, mysterious woman wearing a woolen black dress, retro hat and veil appeared. For some reason she was moaning eerily and saying boo a lot.

"Steve," Jenn said, "it's Ana."

As ghosts went, she was quite pretty. But she still couldn't resist the natural urge, borne perhaps from



Galea and Watt do as they are told by the ghost of the Dominion Hotel.

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Is there a message from the sweet afterlife?

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years of running a household, to micro-manage our cleaning efforts. Soon her white-gloved hands were pointing to places that she felt the vacuum nozzle needed to go. All the time she just stared menacingly at me and didn't say a word. I was beginning to feel right at home.

"Now what?" Watt said.

"Well, we've made contact," I noted.

"Let's just go with it. Maybe, she's got a message about the afterlife."

If she did, that message had to do with sweeping the stairs, doing dishes, cleaning windows, wiping down tables and watering plants.

"What is she trying to tell us about the sweet hereafter?" Watt said.

"Apparently, it's hell," I replied.

Even so, it was preferable to Perkins's bunions.

Fascinated, I was quite willing to follow the ethereal Ana almost anywhere. Her ghostly charms, demure manner, and mysterious beauty seduced me into doing things - awful things - that no red-blooded man would normally do - dusting, for instance.

As I watched her float around the room, wiping a white glove here and there, I felt myself being pulled deeper and deeper into the netherworld. Numbness,

in addition to that which is normal for me, descended upon my brain. I knew I was under some sort of spell, and so was Jenn for that matter, but I also knew we were nearing the point of no return. It would take something drastic, shocking, and horrible to snap us out of it.

That's when Ana finally took a turn for the scary. Even now I shudder to think about it. One minute she was standing there looking regal and directing our dusting efforts, the next she was beckoning us to join her in the hotel's washrooms.

"Ana," I said. "I'm just not ready to go there yet."

Suddenly, she raised a toilet brush menacingly in each hand.

"Ahhhhhhhhhhhh!" Watt and I yelled, as we ran away in fright. And just like that, the spell was broken.

We had hardly cleared the doorway when a pleasant young woman, who, coincidentally, bore an uncanny resemblance to Ana, approached us. Really, the only difference seemed to be that she was wearing non-ghostlike clothing.

"Hi, I'm Sarah," she began.

"I'm Jenn and the fellow hiding under the park bench is Steve," Watt answered.

"Pleased to meet you," I wheezed.

Before long, Sarah convinced us that it was now safe to re-enter the hotel and



Galea and Watt are exhausted after an encounter with Ana, the ghost of the Dominion Hotel. Sarah Delroy helps them recover from their ordeal.

she even poured us a couple of calming drinks.

"Boy," she smiled, "this place looks clean as a whistle. Whoever did this saved me a whole day's worth of work."

It was then that I noticed a pair of vintage white gloves sticking out of her purse.

It suddenly occurred to me that, somewhere between Perkins' bunions and Sarah's phone call, Watt and I had been taken to the cleaners.

If you'd like to experience a scary story of your own, Minden Ghost Walks will take place twice a night, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, from July 3 through September 5, with an earlier 'family version' around the supper hour

and a longer "adult version" after dark.

A costumed actor will lead the group on a circuit encompassing several ghost sites around downtown Minden, beginning and ending at the Dominion Hotel. Along the way they'll hear entertaining theatrical narratives, meet skilled actors, and quite possibly encounter more ghosts or paranormal events.

Minden Ghost Walks are planned and produced by the Conjurors of County Town, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation, in co-operation with the Dominion Hotel, the traditional site of Dead Poet events.

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The following is the list of events for this celebration of Canada's birthday on Wednesday, July 1.

9:30 a.m.: Pine Lake swim (registration 8:30 - 9 a.m.)
 10 a.m.: Horseshoe tournament (registration 9 a.m.)
 Snack bar opens
 12 p.m.: Opening ceremonies
 Decorated bike contest/best costume (red and white):
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1 p.m.: Waterfront races
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 5 p.m.: Kids' scavenger hunt
 5 to 6:30 p.m.: Barbecue supper
 5:30 p.m.: Announce winners
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On Monday, July 6 at 5 p.m. come to the sculpture forest to view this amazing new sculpture, and listen to a short presentation by creator Charles O'Neil.

O'Neil is a full-time artist residing in Eagle Lake who has earned many awards as a painter and wire sculptor. Although the subject matter of his sculptures varies wildly, the human form has always been his main interest. His work is displayed in galleries across Ontario, and in private collections throughout Canada, America, Europe, and Australia.

Come and listen to the fascinating story behind *Fire and Ice: A Really Big Shoe*. Discover how a chance meeting at an art show in Philadelphia took this Haliburton artist into high fashion, rubbing shoulders with one the world's most famous shoe designers, the great Stuart Weitzman.

Drinks and refreshments will be provided, and there is no fee. The Sculpture Forest is in Glebe Park, beside Fleming College, just outside the village of Haliburton.

For more information contact Jim at 457-3555 or info@haliburtonsculptureforest.ca.

Wilberforce celebrates too

Column by Hilda Clark

Plans for Canada Day in Wilberforce are well underway.

The celebration will again be held at the Red Cross Outpost Historic House on Wednesday July 1 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Members of the Wilberforce Legion and Ladies Auxiliary will be participating.

As a part of a salute to the 100th

anniversary of the Canadian Red Cross, representatives will attend from Peterborough.

We are very pleased to announce that musicians Bethany Houghton and Ernie Demuth will be featured this year. They will be part of the front lawn program and will continue to entertain later by the lake while everyone enjoys refresh-

ments. Bethany will play both fiddle and cello. Ernie will play guitar.

Bethany and Ernie are part of the Cass Marie and the Blackfeather Band. Bethany is also part of a local instrumental jazz group and a former member of the Mississauga Symphony Orchestra.

Bring your lawn chairs, your singing voices and coffee mugs. Stay for free cake, ice cream, tea, coffee, lemonade and some reasonably priced sandwich plates. Hopefully you will need your sun hat too.



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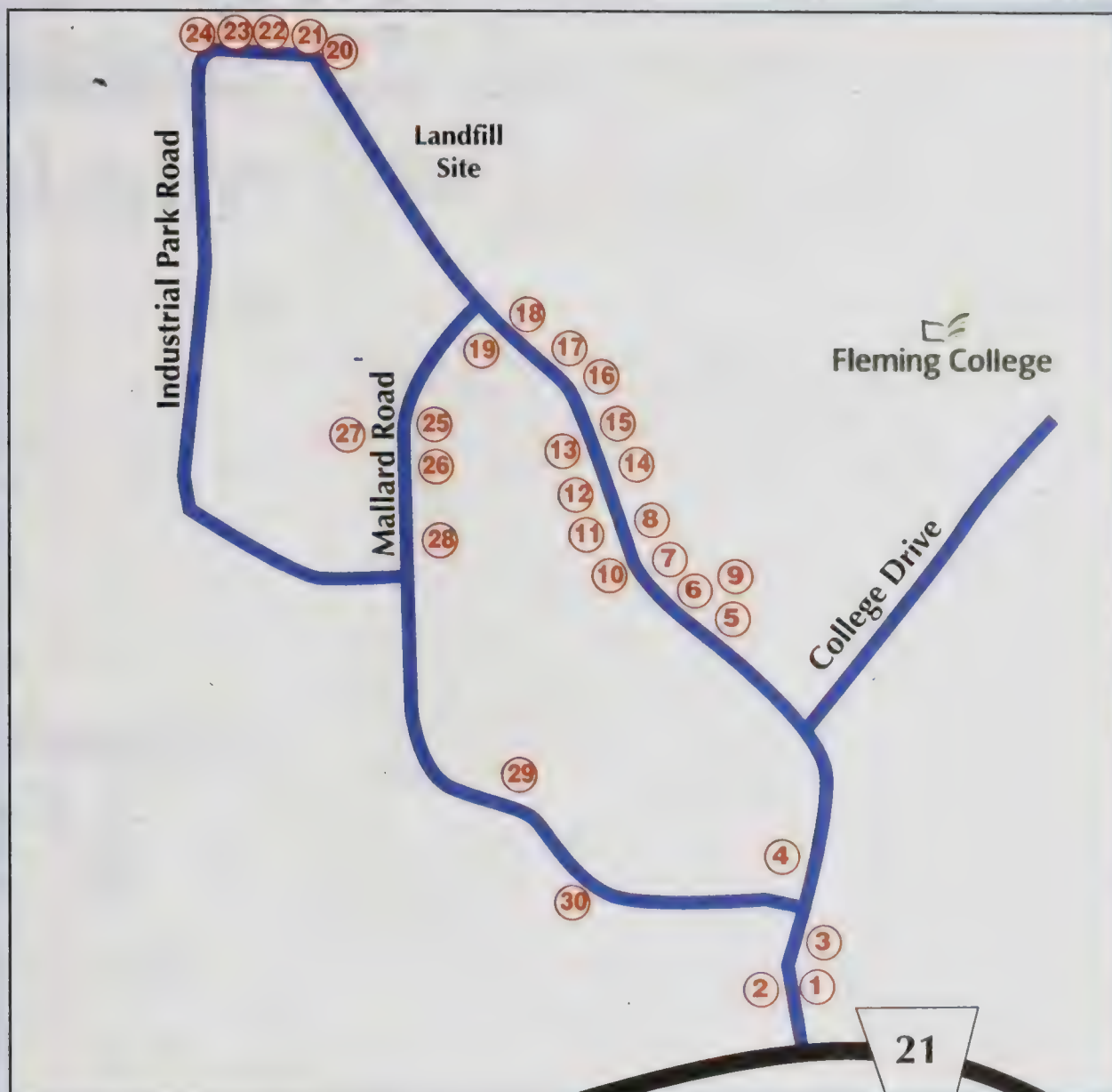
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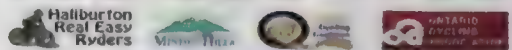
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Entertainment all day long

- Highlands Time Travellers: Classic car display along the Gull River
- Rotary Club BBQ, balloons and children's game
- Community displays along the Gull River
- Meet the Animals Petting Zoo at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Bobcaygeon Road. Sponsored by the Minden Farmers Association.
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- Children's games by the Pritchard House
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- Highlands community church tea party at the Organic Times
- Touch-table science display for children by Out To Learn
- Lions, Rotary and classic cars BBQs, Wintergreen corn roast
- Photo contest - judging done in the morning
- Minnow races behind post office sponsored by the Minden Legion
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11 a.m.: Crazy River Raft Race registration Rotary Park, (sponsored/ assisted by the Gull Lake Cottagers' Association, Henwoods Variety, Bill and Linda Chadwick)

11:30 a.m.: Canada Day opening ceremonies in front of Minden Auto Care, colour party, opening remarks from MP Barry Devolin, Reeve McMahon and cutting of the Canada Day cake. Free water sponsored by Pepsi Bottling Co. and the Township of Minden Hills

12:15 p.m.: Official launch of the new Riverwalk pedestrian footbridge

12:30 p.m.: Crazy River Raft Race starts at Rotary Park, finish line at the bridge in town. OPP watercraft on river with assistance from the Minden Amateur Radio Club

1 p.m.: Rubber duck race on the Gull River sponsored by Minden Lionesses

2-2:45 p.m.: Live musical entertainment by the Highlands Concert Band

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Haliburton School of The Arts sees summer enrolment growth

More than 3,000 students are already enrolled for summer arts programming at Fleming College's Haliburton School of The Arts.

To date 3,053 students have registered for summer courses and workshops. Last year at this time, enrolment stood at 2,859 - or 194 fewer students.

"The response to this year's line-up of programming has been amazing! We added a number of new courses and we have an increased number of new students. This increased interest in the arts reinforces the importance of making time to indulge in creative activities and finding time for personal growth," says Sandra Dupret, principal of the Haliburton Campus.

HSTA offers hundreds of week-long courses and weekend workshops in a variety of subject areas including creative writing, fibre arts/textiles, glassblowing, pottery and blacksmithing. Courses are available for students of all ages from children through to seniors. For more information on courses at the campus, visit www.haliburtonschoolofthearts.ca.

New week-long courses this program year include:

- Furniture - Repainted and Transformed taught by Margot Miller
 - Kids Adventurous Books taught by Malcolm Cullen
 - Teens' Dance Camp taught by Sion Irwin Childs
 - Watercolour Basics and Beyond taught by Marg McIntyre
 - Guitar: Folk, Country and Blues taught by Eve Goldberg
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- New weekend workshops for the program year include:
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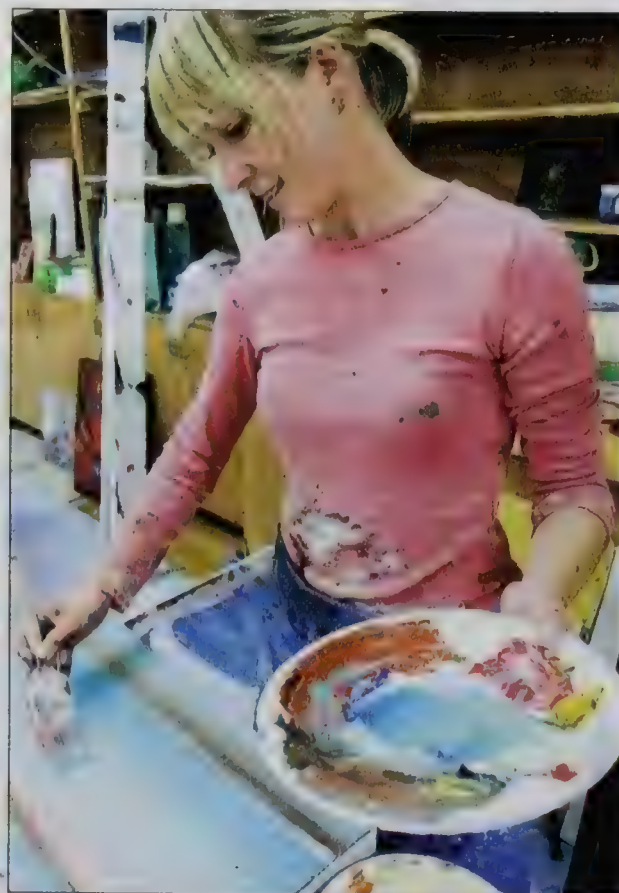
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Painting is just one of the many art courses the Haliburton School of the Arts has to offer this summer.

New edition launched

The *Ghost Walker*, R.D. Lawrence's incredible story of survival in the Selkirk mountains of British Columbia while he tracked and studied a cougar, returns to print in a new edition to be launched on July 3 at R.D. Lawrence Place.

"We made contact! I cannot fully describe the thrill that I felt on realizing that this wild and magnificent animal was showing me that he was prepared to trust me," Lawrence wrote about his encounter with a cougar that had warily watched him for hours in 1972.

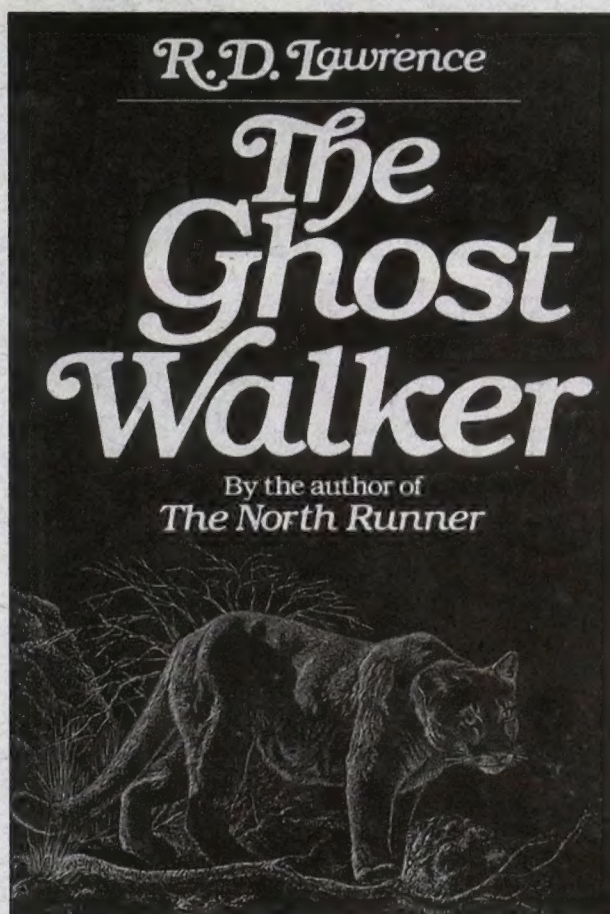
The *Ghost Walker* was first published in 1983 and hailed by the *Globe and Mail* as "...an incredibly informative study that doubles as an exciting outdoor adventure. . . Only a person with an extreme sense of purpose could have completed such a grueling self-imposed mission and returned to us with a book as enthralling as *The Ghost Walker*."

One of the book's biggest fans is Stuart Kenn, co-founder and current president of the Ontario Puma Foundation. He admires Lawrence's work and shared his enthusiasm for the elusive big cats which are currently listed as being endangered in Ontario.

"Everyone has a favourite animal when they were a child but most people grow up. I have been studying pumas for over 30 years and in 2002 co-founded the Ontario Puma Foundation with Kee Dewdney, adjunct professor at the zoology department of the University of Western Ontario," says Kenn.

He will be joining Sharon Lawrence at *The Ghost Walker* launch and will be making a presentation about the foundation's work and studies they have been doing in conjunction with naturalists and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The public is invited to meet and hear Kenn at R.D. Lawrence Place and get their copy of *The Ghost Walker* from 1 - 4 p.m. R.D. Place is located at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre at 176 Bobcaygeon Road. For more



R.D. Lawrence's book *The Ghost Walker* is being reprinted with a new edition.

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Garter snakes are all over

Column by Jenn Watt

Photos submitted by Paul Nolan

That slithery creature sunning himself on your back porch might give you the creeps, but is totally harmless and more scared of you than of you of him.

The most common snake to find in Haliburton County is by far the eastern garter snake. Up to a metre long, these snakes have three yellow stripes running the length of their bodies and feed on mice, frogs, worms and fish and are great swimmers.

Sometimes they have red markings as well, as with these photos snapped by Paul Nolan of West Guilford.

Garter snakes aren't interested in getting into a confrontation with humans and will likely disappear in a flash if you approach. When handled, they give off a strong musk and sometimes will bite, but they have no venom and so aren't lethal.

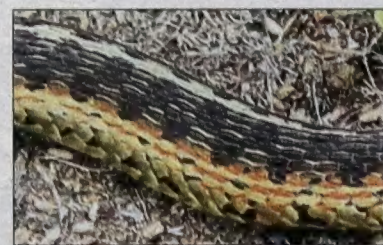
There is no reason to kill or eliminate snakes from your property – they are part of the healthy ecosystem of the Highlands and are beautiful to look at and take photos of. In this county there are no venomous snakes, although some like the hog-nosed snake (a species at risk) will act aggressively to scare humans away.

Cottage Times thanks Paul Heaven for his help in identifying this snake.

If you've taken any great shots of wildlife this summer, please send them in to the *Cottage Times*.

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Excerpts Concerts

Participants in this season's Highlands Opera Studio presents favourite arias, duets and chorus numbers from operas we all know and love. Two presentations August 21 & 22.

Saturday, August 15: Richard Margison & Friends, Faculty Concert (Minden United Church)

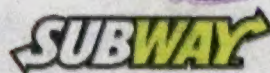
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JULY 4 to JULY 31: "INTERPRETATIONS" presented by the Ethel Curry Gallery. The works of Jane Selbie, fabric artist and Tom Green, glass artist unite to explore each inspiration in unique ways. Opening July 4, 2-4 p.m. with refreshments. For more information call 705-457-9687 or see www.theethelcurrygallery.com.

JULY 4: DORSET FIREWORKS Rain Date July 5. Starts at dusk (9:30-10 p.m.) Big Trading Bay. Sponsored by the Dorset Volunteer Fire Department and businesses in the Dorset Area. A boot will be passed around - all donations appreciated and go towards next years show!

JULY 4: SHERBORNE TRAIL TO KAWAGAMA LAKE ATV RIDE Presented by the Haliburton ATV Association. Beginner/intermediate riding. Meet at Ox Narrows Restaurant north of Carnarvon on Hwy 35 10 a.m. Arrive early if you want breakfast. Rides (Unless otherwise stated) require HATVA membership or trail pass. Buy your pass or membership BEFORE you show up. Email bhtrask@sympatico.ca.

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JULY 4: COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE held at the Dorset Recreation Centre July 4 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information call 705-754-9968 or email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca.

JULY 4 to JULY 5: GULLFEST SUMMER RACES Saturday at 9 a.m. Whitewater Ontario is hosting the Lower Slalom in conjunction with Minden Wildwater Preserve. Boater Cross goes at 3 p.m. Sunday Andrew Westlake Memorial race at 9 a.m. and Freestyle at 3 p.m. For more information see www.whitewaterontario.ca.

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JULY 6 to JULY 10: POINT IN TIME - SUMMER ADVENTURE DAY CAMP Are you looking for something fun and exciting to do this summer? Well look no further, Point in Time of Haliburton County is offering its eighth annual Summer Adventure Day Camp for children aged 6-11 in Haliburton! At thirty dollars a week, this day camp promises to be filled with crafts, sports, music, games, drama, beach fun and swimming! Registration forms can be picked up at Point in Time, 39 Eastern Ave., or at www.pointintime.ca. Spaces are limited. For more information call Dawn Mole or Heather Lublow at 705-457-5345.

JULY 6 to JULY 10: NATURALLY KIDS DISCOVERY DAY CAMP (Ages 7-12) WEEK 1 Presented by the Kinark Outdoor Centre and Out to Learn, this day camp offers children the opportunity to experience the natural environment and to safely participate in outdoor activities under the watchful eye of mature, outdoor educators. Every day is filled with nature explorations, hikes, environmental activities, co-operative games, crafts and swimming. Daily from

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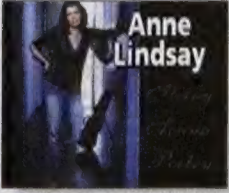
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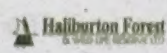


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Thoughts at daybreak

Walking Softly • Column and photo by Steve Galea

A cool breeze sweeps the contours of Vinegar Hill, providing a brief reprieve from the stifling heat of the night. Songbirds sing their approval and somewhere in the hardwoods across the way, a hen turkey relinquishes her iron grip from the branch that she roosted upon last night. The crows have not yet taken flight, though their calls echo out of the morning mist and announce the start of a new summer's day.

Mornings like these were made for quiet contemplation. If you can do that from a boat on a placid lake, so much the better. This morning, I can only dream of such things. Deadlines keep me tied to this desk.

It's high summer. Out in the fields, if you look closely enough, strawberry plants buried beneath tufts of grass are yielding fruit. The dew has fallen, giving life and lushness to the greenery – something that a doe and her young fawn in the upper field seem to enjoy.

As the sun clears the tree line in the east, the meadows become quilts, patched in shadow and shine. A hot day is in the making.

But last night, when the clock struck two or so, I found myself outside for a brief while, listening to a pack of brush wolves sing their hymns to the night. Their cry is indescribable, except to say that it is the nearest thing we have to an authentic anthem. Their voices rise indi-



As the sun rises over the treetops on a misty pond, a new day is born.

vidually, and as one, dissolving reluctantly and forever into the velvety night. It is a mournful cry, a harbinger that something must die in order for the pack to survive. But it is also a joyous one, a celebration of community, life, and all things wild.

They roam the night, and on a day like today, will take refuge in the cool, remote, and shady places.

Water will be near. Pups, still in their teen-aged phase, will pant and play and gnaw at whatever bone remains from the kill.

All this to say that, as night flows into day, and time slips by, the world's natural cycles ebb and flow as easily and relentlessly as they have always done. We don't need to help them so much as make a conscious effort not to hinder.

True, we've come a long way towards a better understanding of our place and significance in the greater scheme of things, but the road ahead is still very long. The challenge, of course, is removing the politics, greed, and shortsighted thinking from the equation. The objective should be to instill a conservation ethic, love of the land, and appreciation not just in the choir but also in those who stand outside the church, unaware of this simple road to salvation.

One of my favourite authors once wrote, "If I can never fish in a stream, why should I care about its health?" The answer, of course, is because that stream flows somewhere else. Like all things upon this planet, it is interconnected and woven into the tapestry.

Pull at that strand hard enough and the beauty and structural integrity of the fabric is threatened. Leave it be, or restore it, and we can all enjoy and take comfort in it.

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